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A "Masher" Punished by a Nymph of the Surf for Being too Forward.

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S. (Wolverhampton).—It is doubtful if Corbett can whip Fitzsimmons.

C. (Birmingham).—Send portrait you speak of.

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Inquirer (Brighton).—John O'Brian was born at Roath, near Cardiff, Dec. 20, 1867; stands 5ft 9in, and scales, in condition, 11st 4lb. Ted Pritchard was born in Wales July 21, 1869; stands 5ft 9in, and can fight as low as 11st.

Though but little has been accomplished in the pugilistic line during the past week or two, there is an abundance of talk from the men here and abroad. It would convey the idea that next season will be a lively one in this country, and some very important contests should come to an issue. James J. Corbett will reach New York City close upon £2,000 poorer off than when he landed in England, but much of his poor business is due to declining to accept an English purse. If England is good enough to exhibit in it should certainly be a suitable place for an important match. The Gentleman Jack company was an expensive one, and it was necessary to have full houses every night in order to make both ends meet. With a heavy outgo and a light income the loss, of course, was far in excess of what most people anticipated.

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We believe Corbett would have consented to fight Jackson in this country had it not been for a parcel of "snides," who made themselves so officious as to inform him that he would not receive fair treatment. According to information gleaned from several sources, there were many who told Corbett that Jackson was a big favourite here, and it would be advisable for him to think twice before he came to any decision in the matter. Allow us to state that Mr. Corbett could "mill" at the National Club, and only the best man would be permitted to win, and whether Jackson was a big favourite or not it would cut no figure. True English sportsmen pride themselves upon giving fair play, regardless of creed or colour, and have an abhorrence of the win, tie, or wrangle element, and sure-thing gamblers.

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You can find wrong 'uns in all parts of the world, and if all accounts be true there are fewer of the bad lot here than in any other part of the Universe. People who make it a business to "backnap" those who are prospering or have sufficient brains to elevate themselves in the world are truly too miserable to place upon the level with the commonest of ill-bred curs.

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It looks as though Johnny O'Brian, of Cardiff, and Frank Craig, the Coffee Cooler, will come together in October at the National Sporting Club for a purse and a wager of £200 a-side. Both are good men, and not afraid of a few stray blows and the winner would realise he had participated in a fight before the end was reached.

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Stanton Abbott continues to score victories in the States. His latest was at Alexandria, Virginia, where he disposed of John Young, a light weight, in five rounds.

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The Yankee yacht *Vigilant* proved a winner in the seventh race with the *Britannia*, but a lot of shine was taken off the success by the *Britannia* becoming disabled in the struggle.

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Hair-dressing parlours and public-houses should always keep The Mirror of Life on file for the benefit of customers. Proprietors of such places will certainly find it to their advantage financially to accept this "tip," because the people who patronise such establishments frequently display an inclination to look over interesting journals and The Mirror of Life is at the head of that list.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF PORTLAND.

A Nobleman Who is a Thoroughgoing Sportsman and Turf Patron.

(With Portrait.)

One of the most prominent patrons of the Turf is his Grace the Duke of Portland, who has had quite a successful career as an owner. In 1890, his horses carried off prizes to the amount of £25,208. The following year only realised £5,208, and in 1892 £7,238. Seven races won last year brought him £15,804.

It is such sportsmen as he that tends to keep horse-racing so popular. His Grace is a favourite with all Turf patrons, and any time his horses start in a race they all run to win.

ANTHONY DIAMOND.

A Clever Birmingham Pugilist.

(With Portrait.)

For a clever sparrer there has been few men superior to Anthony Diamond. He was born at Birmingham November 13, 1861, and his best weight was 10st. In 1882, Mr. W. Price induced him to join the Birmingham Boxing Club, and the following year Anthony was chosen to represent that organisation at the Amateur Boxing championships. He scored a win in the light-weight class. The following year he won the 10st championship, defeating Ted Gobby and Bacon. At St. James' Hall, Piccadilly, in 1886, he defeated Captain Harry Rolf, of Brighton, and followed up that win by disposing of Mr. Alford, a 14st pugilist hailing from Cambridge. After securing the amateur heavy-weight championship of England Diamond rested upon his laurels till last winter, when he was defeated by Ted White, after a scientific battle of twenty rounds.

JOE WALCOTT.

The Coloured Pugilist who Challenges all Comers at 10st.

(With Portrait.)

Now that Joe Walcott, the coloured pugilist, has beaten Dick O'Brien, he can be backed to fight any man in the world at from 9st 7lb to 10st in weight for any part of £1,000. During the past year Walcott has taken on all comers in the States within a dozen pounds of his weight, and on each occasion he has come out of the battle with flying colours. Walcott offers to come to this country in the autumn to take on anyone up to 10st for a suitable purse and a side wager of not less than £500. He is a remarkably good fighter, and depends upon hard punishing in winning his battles.

COULDN'T SEE THE JOKE.

The Widow of a Publican Faints on Seeing the Manner in which her Husband's Grave is Decorated.

(Subject of Illustration.)

On May 30 Americans set apart to decorate the graves of those who have departed, and it is therefore called Decoration Day. It was originally made a holiday for the purpose of decorating the graves of soldiers who had got killed fighting for their country; but of late years the people take advantage of the day by paying tribute to any of their relatives who have crossed the River Jordan. At Greenwood Cemetery, near New York, there lies the remains of a well-known publican; and in order to play what they deemed a practical joke, many of his old acquaintances adorned his grave with empty whisky, gin, and rum bottles, and marked upon the headstone the word "Lush," inferring that liquor caused his death. His widow called at the grave with a friend to distribute a few flowers, and on beholding the manner in which the sacred spot was decorated, she fainted away in the arms of her companion. The shock to her nervous system has caused her serious illness, and she declines to touch any more of the money which her husband made by the sale of liquor, declaring that she would prefer to starve or slave for an honest living.

DRIVING "SCABS" FROM TOWN.

Strikers who Objected to Non-Union Men Filling their Positions.

(Subject of Illustration.)

The strike in the United States is by no means settled, and it will be some time before peace reigns in the various places. Reports from Guthrie, Oklahoma, state that serious rioting has occurred in that district. A railway bridge on the Rock Island Railroad has been blown up with dynamite, and another has been burned. A dynamite bomb was thrown under a train carrying regulars. Train guards have on several occasions been fired upon, and telegraph wires have been cut. Enid and Round Pond are the centres of the disturbances. The first sign of capitulation among the men on strike at the Pullman works was observable July 18, when 150 Dutchmen returned to work. Near Missoula, Montana, a "gang boss" was hung in effigy and the scabs were driven from the town. The strikers and their wives stoned them to the station, and in order to seek protection the scabs escaped in an eastward-bound train.

COWBOYS AT PLAY.

How they Treated a Quartette of Tenderfeet to a Hair-cut and Shave.

(Subject of Illustration.)

"We had rather a cruel, but amusing episode," says a writer from McCook, Nebraska, U.S.A. "The other day, which will not soon be forgotten by the victims, four men from the East struck out here to look the country over and enjoy a little real Western life.' At the hotel they kept at a distance from the cowboy element and they assumed the airs of millionaires. The boys didn't appreciate such conduct, and studied all manner of ways to give the visitors a taste of western life. It was not until they espied them entering a barber shop that one of the boys proposed dealing out some medicine, and concluded to despoil them of their nicely trimmed locks. Two of them had just got comfortably settled in chairs when five cowboys entered and ordered the four to prepare for the worst. One grabbed a pair of shears and hacked away at a tenderfoot's hair, whilst another got astride of the companion and shaved off half of his moustache. The remaining two were treated in a like fashion, and then the four were given notice to quit town. They made futile efforts to strike up a friendship, but it was too late, and when they walked through the street the visitors' appearance was the cause of considerable merriment. Cowboys don't like anybody to assume a dignified air, and the only way to incur their goodwill is to toss about in rough and ready fashion.

LOUIS GOLDEN.

Champion High Diver and Trapeze Artist.

(With Portrait.)

Louis Golden, champion diver, was born at Indianapolis, U.S.A., July 18, 1870, and when ten years of age he took to performing feats in the water. He acted as swimming instructor at the North Side Natatorium, in Chicago, from 1888 till 1892, and in 1893 he joined Paul Boyton's Water Show at Earl's Court, London. This season he is showing at Antwerp, performing feats on the trapeze and at high diving.

ABE MORDECAI.

A Man who Plays Races with Success.

(With Portrait.)

Abe Mordecai is better known to the followers of the turf as Abe Luckshot. He resides in the East End of London, and makes a business of following the race-course, which he has done with success for many years past.

PROFFERED HER FALSE TEETH.

A Lad Amuses the Schoolboys by Publicly Giving the Teacher a Set of Grinders.

(Subject of Illustration.)

The lad who can do the most ridiculous thing or create the most merriment in a board school is usually considered the smartest one by his companions. In a board school near Lee Green a lad rather nonplussed the teacher, and caused a considerable amount of merriment the other day, by walking boldly up to the desk in the midst of a lesson, and proffered the teacher a set of false teeth which he had picked up in the street, inquiring if she had not lost the grinders. When the teacher recovered from her surprise she handed the lad over to the master, who gave him a severe thrashing for being too forward. That caused the laugh to turn on the wrong side of the house.

CHASTISED FOR INFIDELITY.

A Performer Who Found a Master in His Wife.

(Subject of Illustration.)

"If you are married," said a music-hall artist the other day, "you have to be mighty careful how you conduct yourself whilst on the stage, because you never know when your wife may be in the audience to watch your movements. A banjoist friend of mine, who was quite a good looking chap, became infatuated with a siren who patronises the halls, and when upon the stage he would invariably crack jokes and direct his attention to the female in question. His wife noticed what was transpiring, and saw her spouse and the siren in company one evening wending their way towards the house where the latter was stopping. Whilst the pair were about to enter the house, she got hold of her liege lord and marched him home. Upon reaching the domicile she treated him to quite a drubbing down, pounding the banjo over his head till it was shattered to pieces. No, married men never know when they are being watched, and can't be too careful."

HOW TO SCORE AN AMERICAN SUCCESS.

Schemes Adopted by Thespians to Draw Crowded Houses.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Actresses going to America must get a boom in the newspapers in order to score a success. Various methods are resorted to in order to create advertising, and the most successful one has been that of scandal. The Yankee nation likes scandal of any description, and while the Divorce Court has supplied many an actress with the requirements for advertising, the game is rather overdone, and now a downright scandal works best. When you hear of an injured husband seeking newspaper notices, you may rest assured his plan is well studied. Let the woman be refused admittance to a first-class hotel, and that is turned to good account, too. Cases have been heard of where the woman has followed her husband through the streets, demanded his arrest because of a threat to kill, and the very next day that same footlight siren will be accused publicly of infidelity. It all means scandal, and that's what the people like to read. They may cry shame, and declare that such creatures should be driven from the country, but when the much-talked-of actress gives her opening show the theatre will not hold the people who are curious enough to go there. After a successful engagement the actress and her husband become reconciled, and then they divide the spoils.

SPORTING ANECDOTES.

A Colorado Decision.—The announcement of a 100 yards race to occur in Colorado for the American championship brings to mind an incident that occurred in that portion of the United States many years ago. John Wesley Cozad figured as a referee, and as the race terminated differently than the crowd had anticipated, the referee declined to render his decision till he got to the hotel. On reaching that place he ascended to his room, and throwing up the window, addressed the crowd as follows:—"Gents, the man who crossed the line first won." He had hardly finished when fully a hundred shots were fired at the open window, Cozad saving himself by dropping to the floor the very moment he uttered the decision. Among the victims was a widow with whom Cozad had lived, and she was the craftiest of the lot, because she displayed no disappointment, but invited him to come to her house to stay, and a few days afterward Cozad met his doom, the widow administering a goodly dose of poison.

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Too Big to Walk.—Yankee Sullivan was considered at one time the greatest fighter that ever came to light in America. His best weight was about 11st, but he barred no one that could draw the breath of life. He was the undisputed champion of America at all weights above 11st. When Tom Hyer cropped up he soon sought a match with Yankee, and, belonging to a rival faction, rough fights between the toughs who followed the respective men were frequent occurrences. On one occasion Yankee mauled about one of the Hyer faction, and was not slow to inform the beaten man to send his leader for a similar dose of the same medicine. It was not very many days after that when Sullivan had entered a café on Broadway, to indulge in breakfast, when who should enter but Hyer. Going over to where Sullivan sat, Hyer informed him that just as soon as Yankee finished the meal he would come in for a good thrashing. Hyer waited for Yankee to get through, which was fully three hours from the time he had served him with the notice. If ever a man dwelled over a meal it was Sullivan, who was endeavouring to tire out his man, but it failed to work, and when patience rewarded Hyer with the opportunity, he gave the plucky little fellow a dressing down which he ever remembered. Before Hyer came to the front as a pugilist, Yankee always made it a boast that he possessed the ability to whip any man, and if the man was too big to walk they could bring him to the ringside in a waggon.

She Daova Them Out.—With a view to inducing a certain self-styled champion shaver into entering a contest for The Mirror of Life trophy, two tonsorial artists paid him a visit in the south western part of London. The object of their search was not at home, and the pair explained their errand. The better-half was incensed over the temerity displayed by the pair in questioning her husband's shaving ability, and after giving orders to leave the premises at once, she grasped flower pots close to hand and opened up a fusillade, hurling the missiles in close proximity to the heads of the fleeing barbers.

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Vanted Shure Money.—In a boxing match for a £10 purse at a sporting resort some years ago a pugilist of the Hebrew persuasion was anxious to arrange to have the purse equally divided. To this the other man refused to agree. After boxing a round the Jew exclaimed, "For thirty bob I go down." This failed to meet with the approval of the other man, who put in his blows with effect. As the battle progressed the sheeny got flopped about the ring, and finally sent down half dazed. Raising up both hands he remarked, "I vant shure money; make it five bob and I stays vere I am."

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Got More than He Bargained for.—To be the target in a boxing booth is not so easy as one might imagine. Dido Plumb was up to meet all comers at a certain town, when a big burly rough took him on for a bout with gloves and got worsted. The rough then declared that Dido couldn't perform the trick with the raw'uns. "All right," replied Dido, "you take the knuckles and I'll keep on the gloves." At it they went, and Dido knocked the aspirant out of time, and the crowd then dashed in to settle Dido. When the rough came to he exclaimed, "Well, I'll be b——d, beaten by a —— so easy as that, but I must stand him a sup of beer."

COMMON GOSSIP.

At the County Antrim Assizes, Belfast, John Gilmour, aged nineteen, son of a farmer, residing at Ballyhevistock, was found guilty of the murder of Lyle Gardiner, a neighbour, aged seventy, on April 30. He was sentenced to be executed at Belfast on August 17.

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During his examination in bankruptcy Mr. A. S. Jonas, solicitor, of Gresham Buildings, Basinghall street, in reply to the official receiver, stated that since January, 1893, he had lost £1,311 by betting, and £150 on the Stock Exchange. He was afraid he had neglected his business to attend race meetings. His income had amounted to £400 or £500 a year, without deducting interest for borrowed money, in respect to which he had paid away about £500 in the last 12 months. The examination was concluded.

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The Rev. W. S. Cadman is vicar of St. Andrew's, Peckham. Charles Henry Snell was one of his parishioners when he was vicar of St. Jude's, Hoxton. He at that time refused to marry Snell to his "lady help," because the lady was *enceinte*. Since Snell has threatened the vicar, and lately said he would shoot him in the pulpit if he couldn't catch him elsewhere. The Lambeth magistrate, on July 19, ordered Snell, who was a prisoner before him, to be remanded, and the state of his mind inquired into by a physician.

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A young man of 20, named Evans, residing at 19, St. Dunstan's Road, Limehouse, appeared before the West Ham magistrates to answer the charge of threatening to kill Elizabeth Maynard, the sweetheart with whom he had quarrelled. The girl having proved the threats, a constable stated that when arrested Evans said, "I didn't threaten to shoot her. She's balmy and off her knocker." To the inspector at the lock-up he said, "I didn't want to buy a pistol to shoot her with. I have two knives." In the lad's pocket was a book containing a statement that he meant to commit suicide. Evans was remanded for a week.

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Judgment was delivered by Lord Kyllachy at Edinburgh, July 19, in the sensational case in which Mr. Alexander, jun., sought a dissolution of his marriage with Lady Diana, daughter of the late Earl of Eglinton, because of misconduct with Mr. Harold Allison. His lordship granted a divorce. Misconduct was not denied by either of the defending parties, but Lady Diana pleaded connivance, alleging that the misconduct was the result of a deliberate and agreed plan, her husband having undertaken to invite the co-respondent to visit them. Lady Diana was declared not a fit person to have the custody of her child; the question of expenses was reserved.

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Fleet Street and Ludgate Hill were considerably perturbed by the spectacle of a young man propelling himself by a new and curious method. He slid along on what appeared to be gigantic roller-skates constructed on the pneumatic principle. Instead of small wooden rollers his skates, if so they may be described, had each four great wheels with pneumatic tyres, and were as large as a good-sized dinner-plate. They were fastened to his feet with strong straps, and appeared both clumsy and uncomfortable. The pedestrian-skater managed, however, to get along with wonderful ease and rapidity, and his progress was watched with interest as he steered his way through the street traffic.

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While pious people were saying their prayers during a mass July 15, in Notre Dame, Paris, an elderly man was observed bending suspiciously over one of the "troncs," or poor boxes, attached to a pillar of the edifice. The attention of the "Suisse," or beadle, was called to the man, who was caught by the functionary in the act of fishing up money out of the poor-box by means of a bit of whalebone, the end of which was covered with pitch. The thief was handed over to the police. He stated that he was a cook out of work, and sixty-four years of age. In his possession was found a sum of 50f., and on being pressed as to how he came by the money, the sacrilegious sexagenarian said that he had got it out of poor-boxes in three churches which he had visited before entering the cathedral.

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At the Bradford Borough Police-court Fred Borsor, of Brewton Street, Bradford, the well-known Bradford and ex-international football player, was summoned for assaulting his wife. The stipendiary, after hearing the plaintiff's evidence, said the bench treated the case as one of aggravated assault, and had not the slightest doubt that defendant had been carrying on an immoral intercourse with another woman. Defendant would be fined £10 and £1 2s. 6d. costs, with the alternative of of one month's imprisonment, and a separation order would be granted, defendant to contribute 7s. 6d. per week towards his wife's maintenance. Subsequently the penalty was reduced to one of £5 and costs.

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A well-dressed man, named Philip George Britten, 24, a clerk, living at 12, Credon Road, Bermondsey, was charged at the Thames Police Court with embezzling £80 13s. 9d., the moneys of the Commercial Lighterage Company. Mr. Farnfield, who prosecuted, said defendant had been a collector and clerk in the service of the above firm. He was engaged on Feb. 26 last, and on March 6 he began robbing his employers. Prosecutors employed forty clerks, and what made the case more serious was that another person had been suspected. Mr. Rockingham Gill, barrister, who defended, said from a perusal of the facts it was his duty to advise his client to plead guilty. Until lately defendant had borne a respectable character, but unfortunately he took up with horse-racing and billiards. In consequence of the demands made upon him by those with whom he associated in connection with these pastimes he had been led to take moneys belonging to his employers. Mr. Mead considered the offence a serious one, and passed a sentence of four months' hard labour.

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"Miss Marie Collins," the music-hall singer, has been brought into the Divorce Court by her husband, Mr. William Henry Dash, who alleges misconduct against her with Mr. Richard Snell, private secretary to Lord Rothschild. Petitioner claimed damages, and there was practically no defence.

Counsel for the petitioner described the case as one of extreme sadness. Mr. and Mrs. Dash were young people, and lived on terms of great affection, and with all the prospects of a happy future, until Mr. Snell came on the scene. They were married in April, 1889, and at the time Mr. Dash carried on the business of a jobmaster in Barnsbury Park. Mrs. Dash was an extremely good-looking young lady, and apparently entertained for Mr. Dash as high and sincere an affection as he unquestionably entertained for her.

The jury found a verdict that the respondent and co-respondent had committed adultery, and assessed the damages at £800.

His lordship thereupon pronounced a decree nisi, with costs against the co-respondent. The petitioner was given the custody of the child.

JACK THOMPSON.

This vocalist scored quite a hit at the charity entertainment held at Queen's Hall the other day. He possesses a high baritone voice, and with practice and a little more stage experience, he is sure to become a grand success. He is a son of Joe Thompson, the Australian bookmaker, and old Joe may justly feel proud of the vocal abilities of Jack. It is stated that Jack has been offered an engagement to go to the States with an opera troupe, but he has not decided upon his future, though he will fill a series of concert engagements.

LADIES SWIM FOR PRIZES.

Australians Who Revelled in Performing Feats in the Water.

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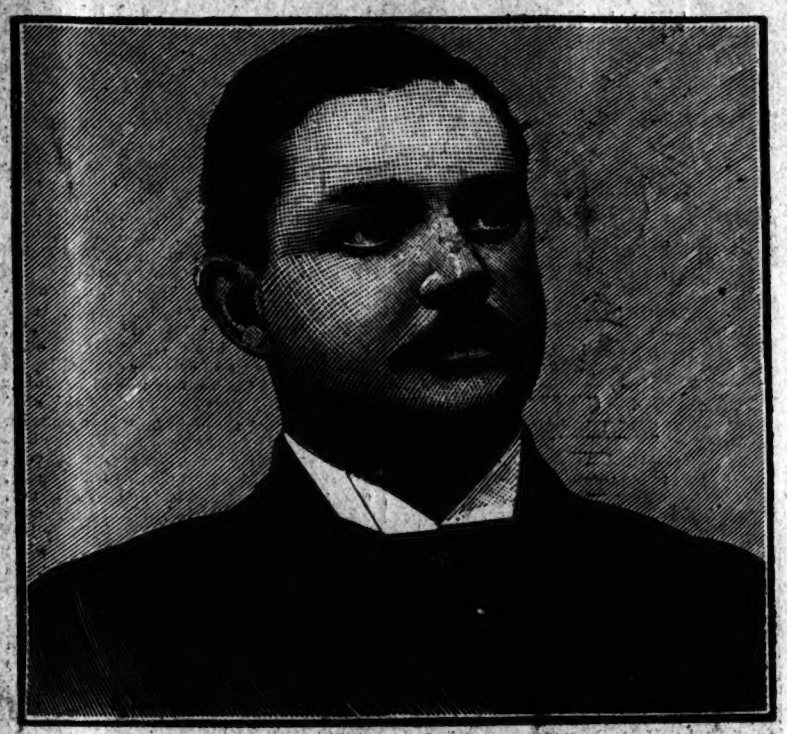
J. C. GARDNER.
Stroke of the Thames Rowing Club's Eight-oared Crew.



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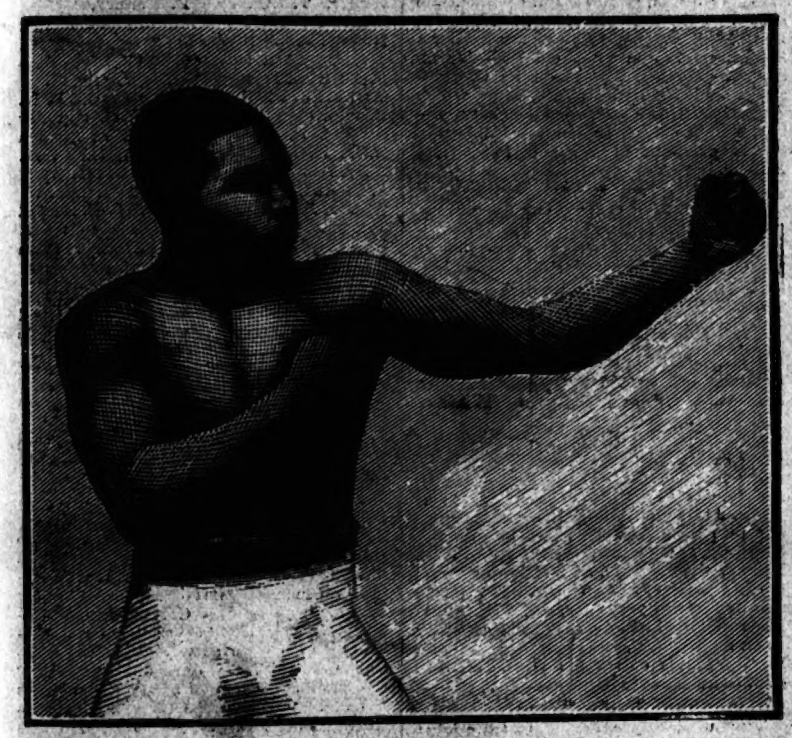

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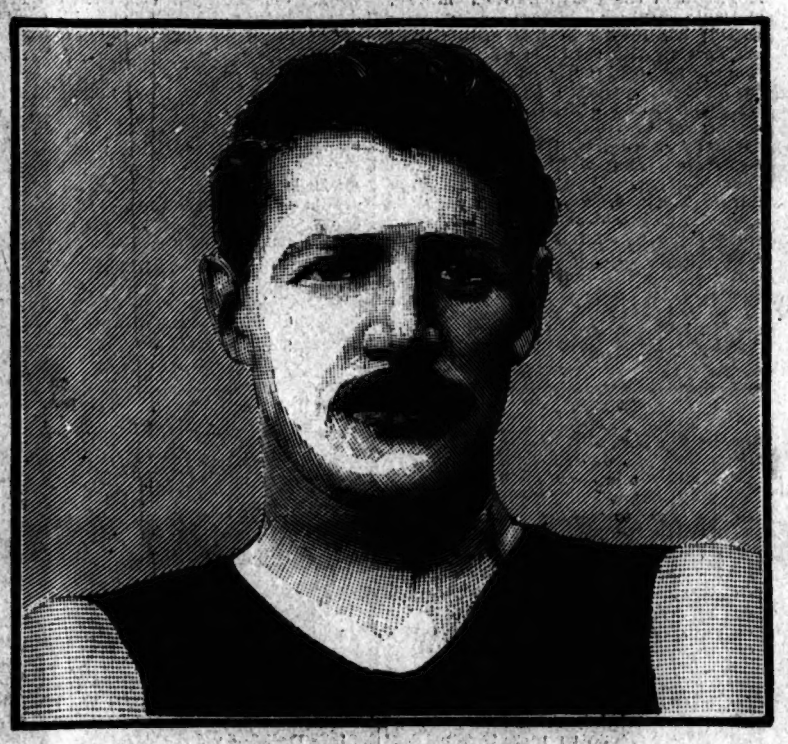

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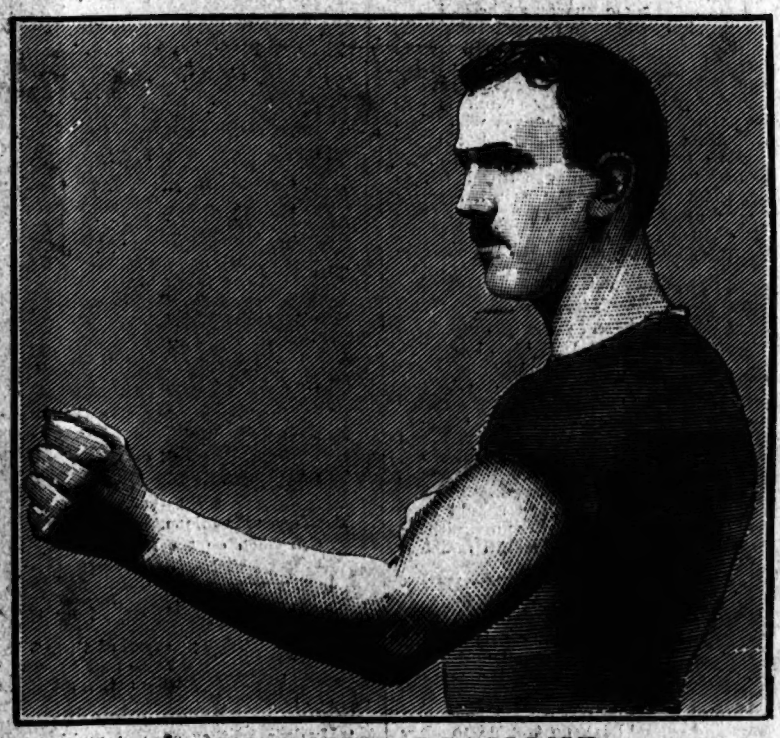

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THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

THE WEEK'S FINALS.

The stay-at-home speculator knows nothing of the tedious journeys either north to Liverpool or south to Gatwick; his daily paper gives him the facilities to be present, in mind, at both meetings; and, in a divided interest, Liverpool will command most attention, because the punters have already chosen their candidates, who will carry the financial confidence of the individual selection in the Cup; and that those who are standing by Convent do not doubt her ability to secure it is seen by her position in the market. She was not thoroughly wound up when beaten last April in the Warwickshire Handicap, and will strip much fitter for the event under notice; her best form was in the Manchester Cup with 6st 12lb; on that occasion she had behind her such good horses as Buccaneer, Golden Drop, Simonian, Enniskillen, and eight others, and only succumbed to Shancrotha, after a close finish, by three-parts of a length; and as on that occasion, with Allsopp, who will again pilot her, will be very close up at the finish. The field, both in quality and in quantity, will be stronger than last year, when Bushey Park failed, by a length, to secure the prize. If the distance were three miles it would suit him much better, and even if he gets a situation among such speedy ones as Amandier and Llanthony over this track it is the most I can hope for him. Newcourt, if sent, will be asked to perform a record that has not been achieved for the last twenty years in carrying 9st into first place, and Controversy's 8st 12lb in '76, in a field of nine, is at present the best, although two years ago Nunthorpe, who was thought to be one of the best milers in training then, got there with 8st 11lb; but I hardly think Newcourt will be equal to the task, and shall look elsewhere for the winner. A four-year-old, well in, and with every prospect of success, and nicely placed in the handicap, is Son of a Gun, who last season placed to his credit the North Derby, and at the York Meeting, in the Ebor St. Leger, defeated Red Ensign, and retired into winter quarters after being unsuccessful in the Manchester November Handicap, where he obtained third place to Golden Drop at a difference of 7lb; this certainly stamps this son of Petronel and Ithona as more than useful, and, with little Bradford in the saddle, he is bound to show a bold front. Having missed his recent engagement he is specially prepared, and should render a good account. In some quarters Thessalian is fancied, but in his two essays he could not reach winning honours in '93, and if he is as good in public as his private reputation would have us believe, he may upset calculations, but I hardly think it will be just yet. Llanthony, who has a strong public following, but never returns the satisfaction of a win, if allowed to run loose, may, as such horses do, perform the unexpected in a manner inconvenient to those who do not appreciate his chance now, and in selecting three, Convent, Son of a Gun, and Amandier should finish in the order named. Pot Luck has disappointed his connections so often that he cannot be recommended, and Hale or Mortaigne, in the County Stand Plate, are safer to rely upon; Minting Queen or Lady Caroline in the Croxteth Plate, and Wadlow may, by the aid of Telescope or Tyrian, succeed in the Jolliffe Two-Year-Old Stakes, and the chance of Catkin, who was returned a winner at the last Newmarket Meeting, must not be overlooked for this event. The Knowsley Dinner Stakes, Athlone is above the class entered, and should have no difficulty in stalling off the opposition; next to whom I prefer Kirkhill and Son and Heir.

At Gatwick, in the Horse-Shoe Handicap, Kilsallaghan is alone at the top of the weights; Titiens and Sacristy, who have both performed creditably this season, occupy places at the other end, and one of them no doubt will supply the winner. The Crabbet Plate—the inducement is sufficient to bring out a good field, and Hopbine should have no trouble to carry the slight penalty to the front, Carrington and Nugget may be the best of the others. Avington may frighten away the opposition in the Diamond Stakes, and this speedy weight-carrier will have most to fear from Minting Queen. Toreador and Irish Car are in the Dorking Welter. The first-named appears to be in form, for last week at Newmarket he won somewhat cleverly from Carolus and Hombre, who, on Saturday, was found good enough to take the Royal Handicap at Sandown Park, and in moderate company Sherrard's charge may find it well within his scope.

On Thursday, the forces will join at Leicester, and the Mile Plate should fall to Sweet Auburn. Bellarmine won it last year, and the stable is now represented by Lady Normanton, who, with Gold Heckle, promises to be her most dangerous rivals; the Irish filly will be too good for this company and may in an exercise canter dispose of them. If Convent is not successful at Liverpool a chance in the Prince of Wales' Plate may be given her, to have a cut in, and the earlier form shown will be the best to follow. Canning, when opposed to good class, has brought out a fine turn of speed, and at a mile, which is his best distance, in the absence of the first-named, looks like repeating his Ducby Plate victory last back end. Profit, who was somewhat fancied for the Spring Handicaps, is absolutely thrown in with 6st 6lb, and between them the issue will rest. Bended Knees, Chelsea Duchess, and Gemma Donati may be the leading trio in the Wigston Plate. The Evington Plate resulted on the last occasion in a walk over, but the present thirty-three entries bids fair to bring together these speedy ones, and Sly Fellow's chance is second to none. Lady Candahar and Evelyn may attend him home; to mention Skirt Dance, Samacand, and Santa Barbara may indicate the winner of the Belgrave Welter. On Friday, Margaret of Branksome, with Queen of the Chase, are the best in the Bradgate Park Plate, and in the Experimental Plate Heatherwell or Kieton, although in so mixed a lot, Toy or Oberland, whichever is the chosen of W. Stevens, should be handy in the Appleby Plate. Captcin, Galerien, with White Wings; one of these may be returned the winner. And finally La Belle Sarah or Glenloch, with a run, should capture the Tower Plate. In detail below will be found the various selections throughout the week:—

LIVERPOOL—WEDNESDAY.

The Cup,

Convent	...	1
Son of a Gun	...	2
Amandier	...	3

County Stand Welter,

Hale or Mortaigne.

The Jolliffe Two-Year-Old,

Catkin.

The Croxteth Plate,

Minting Queen.

Knowsley Dinner Stakes,

Athlone or Son and Heir.

GATWICK.

Diamond Stakes,

Avington.

The Horseshoe Handicap,

Titiens or Sacristy.

The Dorking Welter,

Toreador.

The Crabbet Plate,

Hopbine or Carrington.

LEICESTER—THURSDAY.

The Mile Plate,

Sweet Auburn.

The Wigstone Two-Year-Old Plate,

Gemma Donati or Chelsea Duchess.

The Prince of Wales' Plate,

Canning	...	1
Profit	...	2
Lady Halle	...	3

The Evington Plate,

Sly Fellow.

The Belgrave Handicap,

Skirt Dance or Samarcand.

FRIDAY:—

The Bradgate Park Plate,

Margaret of Branksome or Dalinaine.

The Experimental Plate,

Heatherwell or Toy.

The Appleby Plate,

Galerien.

The Tower Handicap,

Glenloch or La Belle Sarah.

CHALK.

Bingo: "My wife is putting up some brandied peaches this year."

Castleton: "Are you fond of them?"

Bingo: "I don't care so much for the peaches, but I appreciate the spirit in which she works."

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"My dear brother, are you making any efforts to save your immortal soul?"

"Am I? I'm trying to save everything I can these hard times."

SEEN AND HEARD.

The Olympic Club of New Orleans refuses to offer a purse for Frank Slavin and Jake Kilrain.

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Bert Smith and Goody York are announced to box twenty rounds at Middlesex Hall, Edmonton, Aug. 20.

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Solly Smith, the California lightweight, writes that he is ready to come to England and meet George Johnson if a suitable purse is offered.

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Eugene Sandow, the strong man, is here on a visit and will return to the States in September for the purpose of giving further exhibitions.

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Tommy Jones, pugilest and acrobat, was shot and instantly killed at Danville, Penn., U.S.A., July 9, by Harry Bedea, a hotel keeper. Jones insulted Bedea's wife and was ejected, whereupon he threw a stone, striking Bedea's wife, after which Bedea procured a revolver and shot Jones in the right breast, killing him instantly. Bedea surrendered himself to Sheriff Harder.

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At the County Antrim Assizes, Belfast, July 20, an old married man named Michael Boyle, and a young man named M'Kendry, residing in Belfast, were sentenced each to seven years' penal servitude for the manslaughter of a girl named Mary Coogan. The prisoners first made the girl drunk, and then outraged her, and death ensued from alcoholic poisoning and asphyxia, accelerated by the treatment of the prisoners.

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By order of the Melbourne authorites three exhumations have been carried out in connection with the case against Martha Needle, the lodging-house keeper, who was arrested last month on a charge of attempting to poison Mr. Juneken, one of her lodgers. The bodies were those of Henry Needle, the husband, and Elsie and May, the daughters of the prisoner. Mr. Needle was buried five years ago, while Elsie and May, who died at the ages of six and four years respectively, were buried in 1890 and 1891. Traces of arsenic were found in each case.

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The uncertainty attaching to cricket received ample confirmation in two matches July 20. In the first, the famous Surrey team, who had scored 200 in their first innings, required 70 runs to beat Leicester in their second. They failed in most unaccountable fashion, all the lot being disposed of for 35 by Power and Hillyard. Almost as surprising a disaster has to be recorded against Kent, who only wanted in their second essay 66 runs to beat Notts, and yet were defeated by thirteen. Attewell and Flowers were almost unplayable, the latter securing seven wickets for 24 runs.

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At Greenwich Police Court Charlotte Loader, a widow, was committed for trial for cruelty to her three children. One child, aged seven, was in a terrible state, and Dr. Keats and Dr. Cable said in a long experience this was the worst case they had known. The child's hair was matted with filth, and was a moving mass of vermin, and had to be prised up with scissors before it could be cut off, and it came off in three pieces. As might have been expected the mother is a drunkard. Indeed, the inspector found her drunk, though the youngest child was half starved, and apparently dying.

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Battersea has the reputation of being a very advanced borough, but Charles George, a youth of sixteen, who lives in Latchmere Road, is even a little too forward for it. He saw a lady walking along Bridge Road, and impudently went up to her, pulled her nose, and then ran away. Some time afterwards he met the same lady and insolently puffed the smoke of a vile cigarette in her face. When a constable went to serve the summons on him, he found the polite youth in the room, devoid of every vestige of clothing, and his father explained to the officer that this was the only way of keeping him in the house, and preventing him from insulting people. Mr. Hopkins fined Charles 5s. and costs, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment. Battersea will no doubt be glad to get rid of him even for this brief period.

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The English team of cricketers to visit Australia, will leave in the Orient steamer *Ophir* on September 21. Mr. A. E. Stoddart has selected ten men thus far, including A. E. Stoddart, Middlesex, captain; F. G. J. Ford, Middlesex; H. Philipson, late Oxford University; L. H. Gay, Somerset; A. Ward, Lancashire; Peel, Yorkshire; Briggs, Lancashire; Humphreys, Sussex; Richardson, Surrey; Lockwood, Surrey. Three places yet remain to be filled, and for these good batsmen will be selected, those chosen not supplying too strong a side in this department of the game. The team expect to be back in England by the second week in May. The colours for cap and scarf are a back ground of dark blue with a narrow band of light blue, red, and white. This combines the colours of Melbourne and Sydney, the two bodies under whose auspices the tour is undertaken, and which are respectively dark blue, red and white, and light blue.

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The annual metropolitan amateur regatta was decided on the Thames course from Putney to Hammersmith July 20.

The Thames Rowing Club proved the champions on this occasion, as they were successful in the Metropolitan Champion Cup for senior eights, value £350, Thames Cup for senior fours, value £200, and the Challenge Cup for junior eights, value £100. Vivian Nickalls won the London Challenge Cup for senior sculls, value £60; H. T. Blackstaffe, of the Vesta, was successful for the junior sculls; and London took the senior fours, with coxswains. Messrs. J. Hastie, T.R.C., and F. Fenner, L.R.C., acted as starters and umpires, and Mr. A. Bishop, L.R.C., was judge.

Metropolitan Champion Cup.—Thames R.C.: G. M'Henry (bow), A. Bogle, H. C. Arthur, J. R. Orford, F. E. C. Clark, W. Broughton, G. G. Taylor, J. C. Gardner (stroke), E. A. Safford (cox), 1; London R.C.: E. L. Waterlow (bow), C. D. M. Harrington, G. W. Franks, W. J. Havers, A. G. Aldous, R. S. Bradshaw, H. W. Reeves, A. S. Little (stroke), W. F. Sheard (cox), 2. Thames were always in front, and they won easily by 1½ lengths. 8min 1½sec.

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Mr. James D. Burbridge, a theatrical manager, interested in the Florida Athletic Club of Jacksonville, says that glove contests will be permitted to go in Florida, and that it remains with the pugilists whether or not Jacksonville will become a good place for finish glove contests. He says: "We have organised a new athletic club, and its membership includes a number of the best business men in Jacksonville and some Northern capitalists who think the investment a good thing." According to Mr. Burbridge, the Jacksonville club will not undertake to give purses that it cannot make money upon. Of Jackson's objection that it does not mean fair play for him to fight Corbett in Jacksonville, Mr. Burbridge says: "We will probably offer Corbett and Jackson a 20,000 dols. purse. Jackson cannot offer the excuse that he will not get fair play in Florida. Jacksonville is essentially a Northern city. It was built by Northern capital and half its population is from the North. There is no unreasonable prejudice against his race, and he will be treated as fairly there as he would be in the North. We will offer the purse for the Corbett-Jackson fight just as soon as Corbett returns from Europe. If Jackson does not accept, then we will try to arrange a match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. We have plenty of capital, and intend to make the club a success."

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Demand for Scottish shootings appears to increase as the season advances. Sir John Ramsden has let Moy, a very beautiful lodge situated on the shores of Loch Laggan, with 5,000 acres of grouse and mixed shooting, to Lady Stewart, of Hans Place. Captain Lewis, Walton-on-Thames, has let Bragleen, his place in Argyleshire, to Mr. Wilson Pease, of Darlington. Lady Matheson has let her extensive shootings of Uig in the Lews to Sir Francis Winnington. Castle Leod, on the Cromartie estate in Ross-shire, with 20,000 acres of excellent moor, has been let to Mr. Speed. Formerly Mr. Norman C. Cookson was the tenant of Castle Leod, but he has now arranged to take Rannoch Lodge, in Perthshire, from Sir Robert Menzies, with very extensive shooting. Mr. Grant, of Glenmoriston, has let his splendid deer-forest to Captain Dennistoun, whose late father was for many years the tenant. On the opposite side of the loch the charming shootings of Dell, on Lord Lovat's estate, have been let to Mr. Hare, of Park Lane. Colonel Mackenzie Fraser has let Castle Fraser in Aberdeenshire, with the low ground shooting and salmon fishing, to Mr. Lander, of Lahore, India. Lochgair, an excellent moor of 8,000 acres, in the Cantyre district of Argyleshire, has been let to Major Pelham Burn. Dunphail, in Morayshire, for many years in the occupation of the proprietor, Lord Thurlow, has found a tenant in Mr. J. H. N. Graham, who last year had the Moness moors in Perthshire.

MEMOIRS OF JOHN GULLY.

(Concluded.)

It was in this year, too, that Mr. Gully was returned to the first Reform Parliament as member for Pontefract. "Having become rich he embarked in a great coal speculation, which answered beyond his hopes, and his shares soon yielded immense profits. His wife, who was a coarse vulgar woman, in the meantime died, and he afterwards married the daughter of an innkeeper, who proved as gentlewoman-like as the other had been the reverse, and who is very pretty besides. At the Reform dissolution he was pressed to come forward as candidate for Pontefract, but after some hesitation he declined. When Parliament was about to be dissolved, he was again invited to stand for Pontefract by a numerous deputation; he again hesitated, but finally accepted. Lord Mexborough withdrew, and he was elected without opposition. In person he was tall and finely-formed, full of strength and grace, with delicate hands and feet, his face coarse and with a bad expression, his head set well on his shoulders, and remarkably graceful and even dignified in his actions and manners; totally without education, he had strong sense, discretion, reserve, and a species of good taste which prevented, in the height of his fortunes, his behaviour from ever transgressing the bounds of modesty and respect, and he gradually separated himself from the rabble of bettors and blackguards of whom he was once the most conspicuous, steadily asserted his own independence, and acquired gentility, without even presuming towards those whom he had been accustomed to regard with deference. His position was now more anomalous than ever, for a Member of Parliament is a great man, though there appear no reasons why the suffrages of the blackguards of Pontefract should place him in different social relations towards us from those in which we mutually stood before."

"Approbation from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed!" and there must have been something distinguished and attractive about the ex-prizefighter to have won for him so much commendation from the bitter pen of Charles Greville. In Parliament Mr. Gully acquired the goodwill and respect of all with whom he came in contact, and although he did not take part, properly speaking, in the debates of the House of Commons, he made several very vigorous bye-speeches, notably in the year 1836. On the 17th of May, in that year, in the course of a discussion on the alleged ejectment of peasantry at Carlow on account of votes given by them at the last election, Mr. Hardy, the member for Bradford, made serious allegations of bribery against several members, upon which John Gully raised his burly form and stentorian voice, and denounced Mr. Hardy in no measured terms as having himself been guilty of the same offence. After premising that it was very seldom that he claimed the indulgence of the House, "it was quite impossible," continued the honourable member for Pontefract, "that he could refrain from making a few observations, inasmuch as he had himself in some degree calumniated the hon. and learned gentleman, if what the hon. and learned gentleman said was a fact. He certainly heard Mr. O'Connell accuse the hon. and learned gentleman on one occasion in this House of spending £7,040 by bribing electors in the borough of Pontefract, to the amount of £23 for a single vote. Within the last three days he had received a letter from one of his constituents in which it was stated that he had a great mind to send to Mr. O'Connell a letter which he had received from the hon. and learned member for Bradford when he was a candidate for Pontefract, stating exactly the sum he should receive on that occasion. He had not got the letter with him, but would very readily produce it to the hon. and learned member if he desired it. He certainly at the time thought it was very extraordinary, when the hon. and learned member was making an accusation against Mr. O'Connell, and after being himself twice accused of bribing electors, that he did not instantly inquire into the subject himself."

This, it must be admitted, was hard hitting on the part of a man who had really been quite unaccustomed to public speaking. It is only fair to Mr. Hardy to say that he "came up to time" and demanded the production of the said letter. Accordingly on June 22, 1836, John Gully rose to call the attention of the House to a circumstance which occurred in a previous debate, and said "that although an apology might be due to that House, he had none to make to the hon. and learned member for Bradford." He thereupon produced a letter from a gentleman who had seconded Mr. Hardy in his election at Pontefract, which could leave no doubt that Mr. Hardy had been guilty of bribery. The matter was of course the subject of a long and angry debate, but was eventually hushed up, there being very few members of the honourable and *reformed* House of Commons to whom discussion on such a subject was not extremely distasteful. During the whole course of the debate, however, it is noteworthy that Gully was always calm and dignified; always at home, whether for attack or defence. In the course of the affair he observed that the hon. and learned gentleman had asked him whether or not he (Gully) had himself paid any head-money. "He would answer the hon. and learned gentleman that if he had paid head-money and had afterwards declared that he never had been guilty of bribery in any shape whatever, he should consider himself unworthy of a seat in that House." A retort which completely shut up Mr. Hardy. Gully, however, did not much care for senatorial honours, in fact he would not have offered himself as a candidate had he not been piqued to beard the Mexborough influence at Pontefract. He was anxious to assert a principle and give pleasure to his fellow-townsfolk, and, when the first purpose was secured, he retired, to their deep regret, from what would infallibly have been a seat for life. He only sat during two sessions, and resigned on the ground that the late hours had proved injurious to his health. In which excuse most people thought they detected a touch of ironical humour.

But to return to Mr. Gully's turf career. The success with which he and Mr. Ridsdale met did not cement their friendship, and their quarrel came at last to its climax in a personal encounter in the hunting field, when Gully mercilessly thrashed his former partner, after which Mr. Ridsdale brought an action for assault, which terminated in a verdict with £500 damages for the plaintiff, a decision which met with so much approval from the bulk of the spectators in the crowded court, most of them hunting men, with whom "Bobby" was very popular, that they gave a rattling view-halloo, in which the learned brethren of the bar and the ermined judge himself were maliciously reported at the time to have cordially joined. This was not the only serious altercation in which Gully was engaged, for he and Mr. Osbaldeston had words on one occasion. The "Squire" challenged Gully, had him "out," and sent a ball through his hat. "But better through my hat than my head," said the ex-prizefighter, as he picked up his headgear and coolly surveyed the bullet-hole. Sometimes, however, Gully was happier in his assaults, as for example in the following instance. Once at Newmarket an audacious young tout was standing near him as he sat on horseback, cigar in mouth, and book and card in hand at the cords, and hearing the great bookmaker offer odds against a horse, shouted to him, "I'll take you." Gully, of course, took no notice of the impertinence, but booked the bet with some one else, and lost it. To his surprise the tout came up and claimed the money, and not satisfied with Gully's curt disclaimer, kept dunning "Old England" at intervals during the meeting. At last Mr. Gully told him to come up to his rooms after the race, and he would settle with him. When the impudent impostor arrived, the stalwart bookmaker seized him by the collar, and used his dog-whip with such stinging effect upon the poor wretch's shoulders that he howled out promises of the most hearty repentance, and went to another betting-market in future. However, the story got wind, and the tout, finding that he was universally called "Young Gully," put a good face upon his chastening, and ever after reverentially alluded to the great bookmaker as "my father."

Hunting, too, was a sport which always had a charm for John Gully, and during Mr. Osbaldeston's mastership he spent a good deal of time with him at Quorn, for the little difference between them, to which we have alluded, was soon healed. His observation of everything was so keen that "The Druid," a competent authority, says that if John Gully had been required to take the horn for a season, he would have given a very good account of his foxes. During a long sojourn at Ackworth Park, near Pontefract, which he had purchased after selling his estate of Ware, in Hertfordshire, he figured as a fair man across country, and as one of the chief supporters of the Badsworth Hunt. At no time of his life, however, was he a hard rider, though he had once a narrow escape of being drowned when out with the Badsworth, owing to his horse falling with and upon him and rolling into a deep pond in a farmyard, the surface of the water being covered with chaff. But the Turf, after all, was his ruling passion, and in 1834 he was heart and soul with the Chifneys in their vain endeavour to win the Derby with Shillelagh, Gully offering an extraordinary sum for Plenipotentiary as that horse was being saddled for the great race, which he won by a short head from Shillelagh. He changed his trainers later on, and for the last time, when he sent his horses to Danebury, where they did wonders for the rather failing fortunes of old John Day. In 1844 his racing star was very much in the ascendant, for he then won with Ugly Buck, of which he was half proprietor, the Two Thousand, and also ran fourth with him for the Derby. In the following year he was formidable with Weatherbit and Old England, and in 1846 won the Derby with Pyrrhus the First, and the Oaks with Mendicant, an exploit which had only once been accomplished before, when Sir Charles Bunbury's Eleanor carried off both trophies. The victory of Pyrrhus must have been a bitter pill for old John Day, who had purchased him at Doncaster as a yearling, Mr. Gully agreeing to go halves with him. The horse never ran as a two-year-old, and John Day, being in want of money, valued his share of Pyrrhus at the end of the year at £100, which Mr. Gully promptly gave him. Mendicant, the winner of the Oaks, was not a particularly good money-getting mare for her owner, as Lord George Bentinck and the public had taken such a violent fancy for her that the odds Gully could obtain were very small. In the Ascot week of that year Mendicant was sold to Sir Joseph Hawley for 4,000 guineas. But she ran nowhere in the Cup, and Sir Joseph's friends condoled with him on what seemed to be a dead loss, whereas in reality she was destined to prove a "gold mine," for ten years afterwards she brought her owner £80,000 through her famous son, Beadsman. But we need not dilate further upon Mr. Gully's turf successes. We cannot more fitly close this sketch than with the following interesting passage from the pen of a sportsman who was a friend and contemporary of Gully's:—"It was the late Mr. Buckland, who, when on a visit to Lord Fitzwilliam, remarked the impression made on him by the appearance of a fine handsome gentleman coming up the staircase with a beautiful girl in green velvet on either arm—the member for Pontefract, with his two daughters. 'Sylvanus,' too, thus portrayed Mr. Gully in the very zenith of his career:—'He had permanent lodgings at Newmarket, well and tastily furnished, and dispensed his hospitality to his friends with no sparing hand. Mr. Gully is justly esteemed, having raised himself from the lowest paths of life not merely to a position of wealth, but to that intimacy amongst gentlemen on or off the Turf, but still gentlemen in taste, which nought but the undeviating good manners, and entertaining, unpresuming deportment of Gully could for a moment, or rather for any length of time beyond a moment, suffer them to tolerate. No man ever possessed these qualifications, gained through innate acuteness, great common sense, and a plastic disposition to observe and benefit by the chance *rencontres* with the courtly patrons of his day, to a greater degree, taking the early disadvantages he had to contend with into consideration, than John Gully. No man could be more above pretence or less shy at any allusions to his early and not very polished career than himself. He entered freely into many entertaining portions of his history, answered all questions *con amore*, and with perfect good nature, as to the mode of training, hitting so as not to injure the hand, wrestling, and other *minutiæ* of the ring. He had a quiet sly way of joking on any turf affair.'" There is a genial tone about this sketch that speaks at once for its truth, and it would be difficult to give any man a better character. Gully's position at every turn and phase of fortune was still a trying one, but no man more fairly earned the respect he gained. There is a very moral of good manners in such a man's history.

It only remains to add that John Gully died on March 9, 1863, at his seat, Corkin Hall, near Durham, where he had extensive collieries, having attained the ripe age of eighty. It was his wish to be buried at Ackworth, a village close to Pontefract, where he had resided for many years until he sold it and went to Marwell, not far from Winchester, in order to be near Danebury, where his horses were in training. When he broke up his stud he purchased Corkin Hall, where he breathed his last. His wishes with regard to his interment were carried out, and he was buried at Ackworth, on March 14, 1863, the Mayor and Corporation of Pontefract and an immense concourse of gentry and tradesmen following him to the grave. Mr. Gully was twice married, and had a family of five sons and five daughters: most, if not all, his children predeceased him, one son being killed in the Indian Mutiny, but there are grandchildren living who bear his name and venerate his memory.

BEER AND MUSIC AT ANTWERP.

How Visitors Spend a Pleasant Hour amongst the Dutch.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Though the Antwerp Exhibition is not receiving as liberal patronage as was anticipated, it is well worth attending. One the features of the Dutch city are the beer gardens, where visitors delight in going to listen to music-hall turns and quench their thirst. The women appear in abbreviated attire, and a display of shapely limbs generally proves the attraction for the old and young men.

CHASED BY BLOODHOUNDS.

How a Desperado was Captured whilst Trying to Escape Arrest.

(Subject of Illustration.)

The citizens in Texas have been troubled considerably the past six months over a series of outrages and highway robberies that have occurred in those parts. Several efforts have been made to capture the miscreant, but he has covered up his tracks so well that he eluded the authorities. The citizens finally banded together, and securing a trio of bloodhounds put them on the scent. After a two days' chase they overtook the desperado, who, however, managed to shoot down two of the hounds before the citizens secured him. He was thereupon conveyed to the nearest tree and lynched, the citizens presenting him with a volley of bullets before leaving him to his fate.

HAD HIS FEET SPANKED.

A "Masher" Punished by a Nymph of the Surf for Being too Forward.

(Subject of Illustration.)

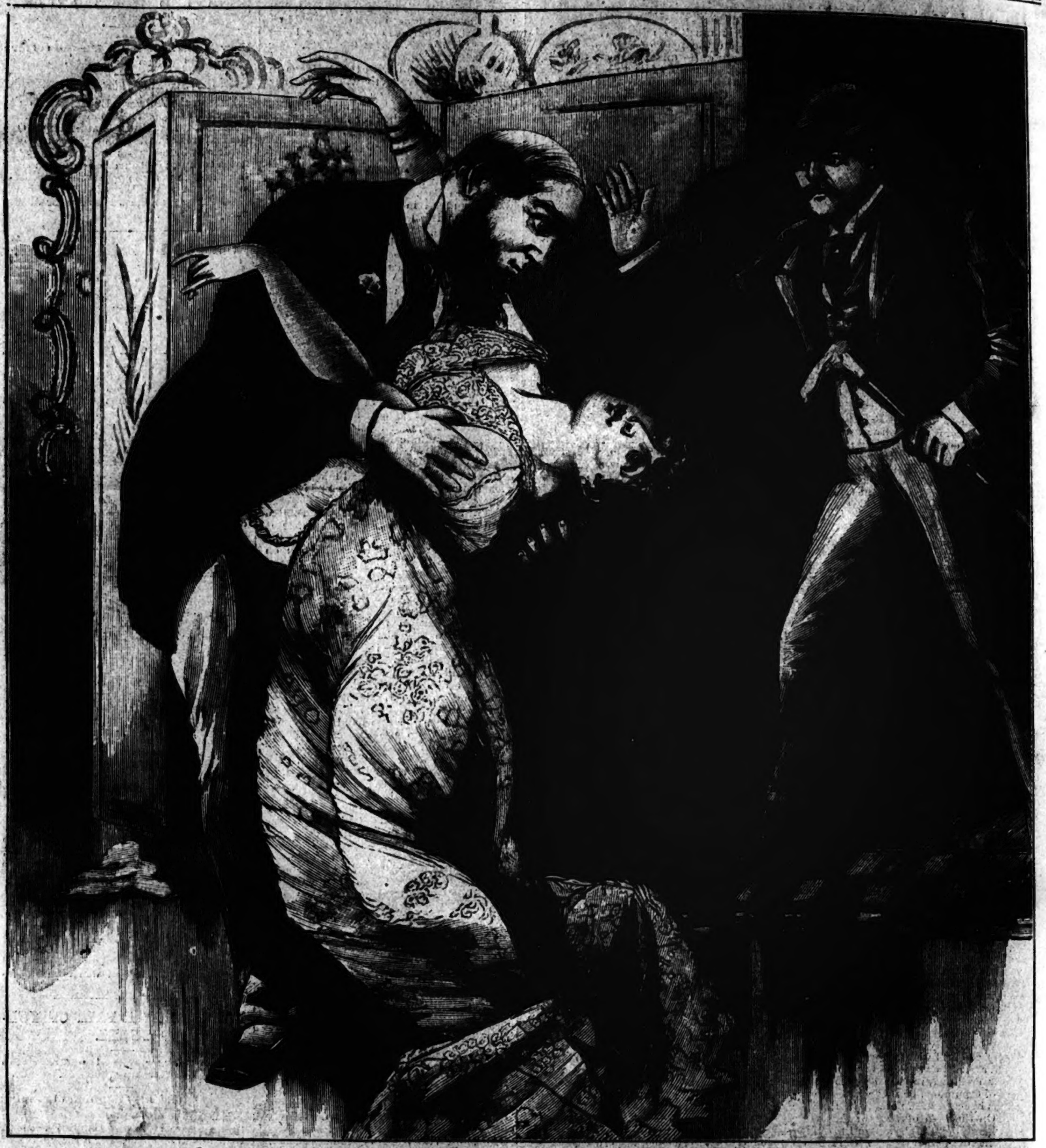
It don't pay for a masher to be too forward when he goes to the seashore. It is well enough in a large city, because he can readily lose himself in the crowd of pedestrians; but on the sands, where the people are scattered about, the masher has little chance to escape. One of the odious fraternity took rather too many liberties in his remarks addressed to a couple of maidens at one of our well-known resorts the other day, and when it got to a point where they were unable to suppress their feelings they walked up on the sands and secured a long stick of wood. With the aid of a life-saver close by, the young ladies hurled the masher upon the sands. Securely fastening the wrists, one lady grasped one ankle and the life-saver the other, holding up the soles of the feet, whilst the stick was plied with considerable force. Though the masher howled with pain and pleaded for forgiveness but little notice was taken of him, until the young lady concluded he had been deservedly punished. On being released the masher wobbled off with all the haste possible, and was soon lost to view.

FLEECED BY A PAIR OF VULTURES.

How a Sharper Forced a Tradesman to Give up Liberally.

(Subject of Illustration.)

Making the acquaintance of females on a thoroughfare and accompanying them to their apartments is rather a risky piece of business. In London there are many sirens of fascinating appearance who make it a profession to fleece men whom they come in contact with. They pose as a much abused wife, or look for sympathy by declaring their life partners are neglecting them. A tradesman, who is blessed with an ample supply of wealth became the victim of a siren the other day, and the easy manner in which he was bilked proved effectually that he would make pretty easy game for a second dose. His attention was attracted by the alluring glances of a siren in Oxford Street, and believing he had struck something pretty good, he made bold to address the damsel, inquiring the location of a street near by, in order to display apparent ignorance of the portion of the town he was in. It was just what the siren wanted, and the pair walked slowly along conversing upon the various topics of the day. The victim accepted an invitation to the siren's apartments, and whilst they were in the midst of a love-making scene steps were heard in the passage way. The time had now arrived when the mug had to be worked, and the young damsel pretended fainting, throwing herself into the tradesman's arms just as her confederate opened the door. The new-comer became quite indignant and threatened the immediate arrest of both, when the unsuspecting victim proffered his check for £200 as a reparation to soothe the feelings of the valture, who lost no time in having the piece of paper changed for bank notes.



FLEECED BY A PAIR OF VULTURES.

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CHASED BY BLOODHOUNDS.

How a Desperado was Captured whilst Trying to Escape Arrest.

BEER AND MUSIC AT ANTWERP.

The Manner in which Visitors Spend a Pleasant Hour amongst the Dutch.

DRIVING "SCABS" FROM TOWN.

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AROUND THE RING.

CORBETT'S TRIP A FAILURE.

WHO WILL HE FIGHT?

KELLY TO CORFIELD.

FIGHTS HERE AND ABROAD.

THE tour of the Gentleman Jack Company has indeed been a disastrous one, and Corbett will therefore return home a poorer but wiser man. Though he has persisted in writing to friends in America that he has made money here, we know that his losses have been heavy. His Drury Lane experience was a costly one, and while he might have retrieved his losses on his provincial tour, had he consented to do battle in England, his selecting Jacksonville for a battle ground with Peter Jackson was sufficient to awaken the public to the fact that Corbett and party were here for the sole purpose of getting easy money. The only paying engagement was at Glasgow, the others were dismal failures. He is returning to the States with the hopes of making a theatrical tour, but if he can avoid arranging a match and continue to pose as a pugilist before the Yankees he will prove himself to be the shrewdest man that ever trod in two shoes.

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ASIDE from Peter Jackson and Bob Fitzsimmons there is another rod in pickle for Corbett. It is a well-known fact that since he defeated Sullivan the admirers of John L. have been longing to secure control of somebody to whip Corbett. They believe they have succeeded in securing that man in Peter Maher, the Dublin heavy-weight. Sullivan has taken Maher under his "wing," and with his followers they propose making things lively for Corbett during the coming winter. That Maher is a good man no one can deny, and he would give Corbett a much harder battle than did Mitchell or Sullivan. It will be necessary, however, for the financial friends to keep Maher under close surveillance, because Peter is fond of a sup of whisky, and he don't object to having the "booze" flow freely, too.

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CORBETT has got to fight Jackson, Fitzsimmons, or Maher, before "snow flies" if he wants to pose as a public character. If he is afraid to fight them he should announce his retirement at once and blossom out as an actor. He is an exceptionally good big man, and no man has a license to whip him, but he should be willing to enter the ring when liberal inducements are held out. He is in luck not to be forced into a knuckle fight for championship honours, because that is really the only way to decide a championship match.

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FRED JOHNSON wants one more chance at George Dixon at 8st 6lb, and is prepared to wager £200 on his chance. Dixon defeated Johnson in the States a few years ago, but it couldn't be called a fair contest, because Dixon resorted to all manner of foul moves to practically settle the East-ender. In a regular stake-money battle Johnson should have been given the decision on a foul, but in the States, where they fight for purses, fouls don't count. Dixon deliberately threw Johnson several times, and because the latter was an Englishman no notice was taken of the violation of the rules. Had the shoe "pinched the other foot," however, Johnson would have been not only disqualified, but mobbed, too. The foul in that battle was as palpable as the ones in the Corbett-Mitchell contest. We don't want to convey the idea that Johnson could whip Dixon, or that Mitchell stood a ghost of a chance with Corbett, but fighting rules should be obeyed irrespective of nationality. The Marquis of Queensberry rules prohibit wrestling, and Dixon deliberately threw Johnson on the boards, so that the Londoner lost a lot of his fighting, and it then made it an easy conquest for the "Coon."

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IN the Jacksonville battle last January, a spectator informs us that Corbett struck Mitchell when the latter was on his knees. Would such conduct be tolerated in this country? We should say positively, No! At least, not at the National Sporting Club. That is the reason why Mr. Corbett declined to meet Jackson here.

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MOST of the pugilists and their admirers in America like a strong grip on both ends and a mortgage in the middle, and they are fully aware of the fact that at the National Club they have to win on their merits in order to get a verdict in their favour, and, again, palpable fouls don't go, whether the guilty man be white or black.

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CHARLEY KELLY wants to come here in October and do battle with George Corfield at the National Sporting Club, at 8st in weight, for £200 a-side and a purse; but Corfield stipulates that the match should occur in Sheffield. Corfield is a remarkably good lad, but he would be much better appreciated if he would consent to fight away from his native town. It looks too much as though he holds a bit up his sleeve by having matches occur at his home. We will admit he is a big draw in that section, and large houses greet his every appearance, but in fighting men generally prefer milling on neutral ground. It is no 2 to 1 that he defeats Alf Gower, because the latter is a good in-fighter, and Corfield is none too good at that game. He is best suited to long range work, where he can keep his left hand in play on his opponent's face; it therefore leaves it a decidedly open question how he would perform if compelled to do half-arm work.

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JIM BURGE, the Cast-Iron Man, gives quite a graphic description of his English experience to his friends in Sydney, and claims that he had Arthur Valentine whipped to a standstill when they met. Such an argument may sound feasible to the Sidneyites, but is far from being gospel truth. Burge was unable to hit Valentine, and only landed a few ineffectual blows, whilst Arthur toyed with the Australian in the same manner as he would with a sand-bag. If Jimmy is not satisfied with the mauling about he received he should return here with good backing and receive a second dose. We are convinced, however, that Burge is no hog and knows when he has got enough.

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A VERY interesting programme was put forward for those who cared to journey to the Middlesex Hall, Edmonton, July 16, where, under the joint management of Goody York and Arthur Callan, an evening was spent that well repaid the visit; the men that were brought together were so evenly matched, and so closely were the contests fought out, that it was difficult to say who would get the verdict until the decision was announced. This was particularly the case with Steve Smith, of West Green, when he opposed Bill Nolan, of Drury Lane; and should these lads be matched to a finish fight, a grand struggle will be witnessed. Bert Gooch and Bill Daniels, both of Wood Green, opened the proceedings with an eight round contest, which was stoutly contested from first to last, Bert Gooch, at the finish, being awarded the verdict; and as a link with the old school, Ted Napper, the son of the old time fighter of that ilk, sparred three rounds with Bert Smith, of Kingsland. Ted Beach, of West Green, and Bill Parsons, of New Southgate, tried conclusions for a purse; Beach started well and, never leaving the matter in doubt, at the end of the stipulated six rounds had well won. Charley Rowles and H. Harrison, stepped in for an exhibition bout, but it was no "tap," "tap" business, both going for all they were worth, to the general delight of the spectators. Steve Smith and Bill Nolan, in their eight-round contest, showed good form. Nolan scored in the earlier half of the battle, but Smith woke up, and in the last three rounds put in some telling blows, which many thought had equalised matters, but the verdict went to Nolan; indeed, there was little to choose, for had Smith got to work earlier the verdict might have gone the other way. During the interval Goody York, in his position of M.C., in a few well-chosen words, introduced to the company Mr. McMullins, the middle-weight amateur champion of the West of England. Also among those present we saw the following sports, viz., Messrs. Lymes, Barratt, Dennis, Stennitt, Costello, Rowe, and the old first favourite, G. Haywood, Bill Mortimer, and F. Callan. The attendance was far larger than expected, and, to the satisfaction of all, everything passed off with great *éclat*. Arthur Callan invited a select few to partake of supper, which was heartily responded to, "as it is only once a year."

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PAT KELLY, of Sheffield, and Jack Brierley, of Liverpool, met at Drill Hall, Sheffield, on July 16, to fight twenty rounds, with four-ounce gloves, for a stake of £100 and the gate receipts. Betting ruled at 6 to 4 on Kelly, who was seconded by Jemmy Beavan, of London, and Joe Breeze, of Birmingham, with Teddy Brayshaw, of Sheffield, as bottle-holder. Brierley was seconded by Billy Brierley and Finny Cooke, with George Corfield, as bottleholder. Mr. Will Hulse, of Nottingham, was referee, with Geo. Sugden, of Sheffield, as timekeeper. In the opening round Brierley resorted to long range work, but Kelly got in close and put in effective stomach blows. The second round was all in favour of Kelly, who kept his attention directed toward the body of his opponent, paying little heed to the face blows he received in return. During the third round Brierley was fairly doubled up, and in the round following Kelly had his man well beaten. In the fifth round Kelly set to work in most determined fashion, and although Brierley tried hard, he had no chance with Pat, who appeared much the stronger. He delivered such heavy belly punches that Brierley was hardly able to stand up. On coming up for the sixth round Kelly delivered the left in fine form, and down went Brierley, who was keenly alive to the situation and got up in time. A second left-hander from Kelly sent Brierley down a second time, and again he rose, only to receive a heavy left, which knocked him senseless whilst the timekeeper counted off the ten seconds, and at the conclusion Mr. Wm. Hulse, of Nottingham, declared Kelly the winner.

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AT the Wantage Police Court July 18 Thomas Howkins and George Roberts, of Oxford, and George Smart and Dick Chandler, of Reading, were summoned "for committing a breach of the peace by engaging in a fight, to wit, a boxing match at East Hanney on the 2nd inst., and others were charged with aiding and abetting. It appeared from the evidence of Supt. Robotham and constables present, that a ring was formed in a meadow, and that two contests were fought between Smart and Roberts, and Howkins and Chandler, gloves of the ordinary make and size being used. In the first contest Smart, of Reading, was knocked insensible in the fourth round. The second competition was then begun, and at the end of the third round the combatants, Howkins and Chandler, were fighting after time had been called. The Reading second at once jumped into the ring and pulled Howkins away from his opponent, upon which John Howkins, who was acting for his brother as second, dealt the Reading second a blow, felling him. Fearing that a general fight would take place, the superintendent and two constables jumped over the ropes and stopped the contest. After hearing the evidence, the Bench retired for ten minutes, and then rendered a decision that a boxing contest didn't constitute a breach of peace. The defendants were discharged.

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UNLESS Johnny O'Brien, of Cardiff, secures a match with some middle-weight ere long, he will journey to the United States to seek a customer. Negotiations are pending in hopes of inducing Frank Craig, the Coffee Cooler, to come here and accommodate the Welshman in a contest at the National Sporting Club in October, for a suitable purse. The black wants to come to this country for a visit, and it is likely when Mike Donovan, his adviser, reaches London, some definite arrangement will be made. A bout between O'Brien and Craig would be well worth witnessing, because both are aggressive fighters, and believe in wasting no time when in the ring.

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PADDY LEE and Tom Gillett fought in the old style near Newmarket, just after the decision of the last race on July 18. The fight, which lasted for thirty rounds, was ultimately declared drawn. Lee had all the best of the opening exchanges, and was a hot favourite till the fifth round was reached. Gillett, however, improved, and after the tenth round the odds had veered round in his favour. It is probable that Gillett, who had all the best of matters after the twelfth round, would have been declared the winner had not the fight been left unfinished, owing to an alarm that the police were in the neighbourhood. The fight was witnessed by a number of well-known trainers and jockeys.

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STANTON ABBOTT and John Young engaged in a glove contest at Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A., July 19, when after battling five rounds Abbott scored a win by knocking Young senseless.

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A GLOVE contest for £10 was decided at Ipswich, July 17. The competitors were W. Farman and Amos Vince, each of them winners at recent boxing contests in the county. The conditions were to box twenty rounds. In the first both showed some clever sparring, and after rapid exchanges Farman drew the claret from his opponent. In the second and third rounds the exchanges were even, but the fourth was signalised by some spirited rallies, and the fifth proved to be the last. In this Vince put in some severe body blows, and Farman cried peccavi before time was called.

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THE veteran Tommy Monk, and Sam Edwards engaged in a glove contest at Birmingham, July 18. The former displayed some of his old time form, and whipped Edwards in the third round.

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WILLIAM DAWSON, of Cromwell, and James Magee, of Leadgate, engaged in a glove contest at Dipton, County Durham, July 14, for a stake of £50. Magee had matters pretty much his own way from the start, and finally knocked Dawson out of time in the fourth round.

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PETER MAHER, of Dublin, and Frank Craig, the Coffee Cooler, engaged in a glove contest at Boston, U.S.A., July 16, for the gate receipts. Maher proved to be a much improved man, and after dealing out some heavy punishment, he knocked Craig out of time in the second round.

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A SERIES of contests were decided at the Lambeth School of Arms, July 14. T. Hands and F. Radford were opponents in an eight-round contest. The first three rounds were uninteresting, but in the fourth Hands assumed the aggressive and secured a lead. In the fifth round he brought his opponent down with a right-hand punch on the jaw, and as Radford failed to rise in time, Hands was declared the winner. Wally Willis and A. Lock boxed a six-round draw, and they were ollow ed by C. Mack and H. Bullar in a ten-round bout. The first five rounds were of a spirited character, and then Bullar began to tire. He was badly beaten in the seventh round, and quit.

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A TESTIMONIAL was tendered to Billy Plimmer, at Curzon Hall, Birmingham, July 16, the principal event on the programme being a 9st competition for £10 in prizes. Of the eight entries, Dick Bronnett and Blasher Brookes were left in to box the final bout. It was quite spirited throughout the three rounds. Bronnett showed to the best advantage, and received the award.

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A BOXING entertainment was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Newmarket, July 16. In six-round battles Mike Small disposed of Ernest Pickard, and Tom Reader was beaten by Dummy Winters. Sid Phillips and Alf Sparrow contested a twelve-round battle. The latter proved to be no match for Phillips, who had his man all but out in the second round. In the middle of the third round Sparrow received a right hander which knocked him completely out of time.

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AT the Bermondsey School-of-Arms, July 14, Bill Connolly and Jack Parker decided the final bout of an 8st competition. In the first three minutes Parker acted almost entirely on the defensive, letting Connolly establish a good lead, Parker showed up far better in the second and third rounds, an advantage in reach enabling him to rub off some of his arrears; but Connolly always had the best of the infighting. During the fourth round Connolly maintained his advantage, and was declared the winner.

LADIES SWIM FOR PRIZES.

Australians Who Revelled in Performing Feats in the Water.

(Subject of Illustration.)

"SWIMMING is getting to be quite a fashionable sport with us," says a New South Wales correspondent, "and many ladies are proving themselves to be expert at water feats. In a contest the other day at one of our swimming schools four ladies contended in a race, the conditions of which restricted them to carry on the head an apple, and hold another by the stem between their teeth, the one losing either apple to be declared disqualified. There was a large crowd present, and the cheering urged them on to such an extent that three out of the four were unable to keep the apple balanced on the head and were disqualified, only one finishing the race.

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BOY: "Don't whip me much all at once, mar, for I only took the cake a little at a time."

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MRS. BANKS: "Is there any one, dear, you would like to have me marry when you die?"

Mr. Banks: "No, darling; I hold no bitter grudge against any man living."

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SHE started violently.

"Sir," she exclaimed, "do you propose to insult me under my nose?"

He bowed.

"Yes," he answered, simply.

Gathering her in his arms again, he pressed a kiss upon her lips.

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"SEE here," said the disgusted sport to the bookmaker; "ain't there no way you can fix it for me to play these horses to lose?"

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TEACHER: "What would you say to Charlie if he should give you the only apple he had when he wanted it very much for himself?"

Tommy (with emphasis): "I'd say he was a chump!"

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PRINTER Proprietor: "Yes, I want a man to feed in the press room."

Hungry Waiter: "Gosh! let me get at it."

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PIPKIN: "Positively, I must go home after the next jackpot."

Potts: "Wife been scolding you again?"

Pipin: "Worse than that; she has had a time-lock put on the street-door."

ON LAND AND WATER.

At Paris, July 22, A. A. Zimmerman won two bicycle races. In the first he defeated Wheeler, and in the second event he disposed of Jacquelin and Medinger.

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R. H. Labat offers to match his steam launch, *Hibernia* against any other boat in the world not exceeding 48ft 2in in measurement, or 200lb steam pressure, to a race on the Henley Regatta course, or from Putney to Mortlake for £500 a-side.

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Frank P. Slavin has started on an exhibition tour of the kingdom, and contemplates a visit to the States in hopes of getting on a match with Jake Kilrain. He also thinks that eventually he will arrange a fight with J. J. Corbett.

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In a golf match at the Royal Ashdown Forest Club, J. Rowe, the club professional, competing against Mr. Cecil Higwood in a match, went round in 69, beating by breaking the record of the green, the previous bests being: Professional, 72, by J. Rowe; amateur, 70, by H. S. Colt.

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Peter Latham, who is engaged at the Tennis Courts at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, states that he is willing to play Charles Saunders, the present holder, for the Tennis Championship and £100 a side, home and home matches, the matches to take place during October next.

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Mr. Geo. J. Gould has placed an order with Mr. N. Herreshoff to build for next year another yacht in every way lighter than the *Vigilant*, and to be built entirely of bronze instead of steel up to the water line. Her boom and gaff will be of aluminium, and she will be provided with a special suit of sails of exceptional lightness.

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It is rumoured in the States that Peter Jackson and Parson Davies have parted company, and that in future the black will manage his own affairs. Many people are under the impression that the black has been restrained from forcing Corbett to a battle by Davies, and now that they have split some definite date and place will soon be agreed upon.

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Mike, alias Chappie Moran, and Tom Fitzpatrick, of Liverpool, are to box twenty rounds at Drill Hall, Sheffield, July 30, for a wager and the gate receipts. On the same evening, before the above contest, one will take place for a £25 purse between Young Pearson, of Manchester, the Yorkshire champion, and Young Carlin, of Leeds, the 7st champion, of eight rounds.

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At Edinburgh, Bacon, the English champion, made a new British amateur record for one mile in 4min 18 2-5sec, or 1-5sec better than George's record at Aston in 1884. Bacon also broke the two and three miles Scottish record, the times being 9min 27 2-5sec and 14min 27 3-5sec respectively. But for tremendous rain Becon would probably have beaten the world's record.

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As the private match between the cutters *Britannia* and *Vigilant*, fixed to take place in the Solent, on Aug. 4, for a £100 cup, clashes with the fixture of the big class at the annual regatta at the Southampton Yacht Club, both the Prince of Wales and Mr. Gould have been approached with a view to having the date of the match changed. The Prince, through his private secretary, has replied, expressing regret that the arrangements are so far advanced that they cannot be altered.

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T. Loates increased his winning total last week to 86 (seven winners), and Morny Cannon (who rode seven winners) made his score 74, Finlay 51, Bradford 42, S. Loates 46, Allsopp 41. J. Watts 35, Calder 39, Chandley 25, Brown 27, White 21, Colling 21, G. Chaloner 14, G. Barrett 16, Rickaby 17, Gough 17, Fagan 15, Toon 11, W. Pratt 10, C. Loates 8, J. Woodburn 14, F. Pratt 7, Madden 6, F. Black 7, F. Webb 7, J. Harrison 6, Wingfield 5, Huxtable 5, A. Watts 5, Armstrong 6, Weldon 8.

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At the Bradford Athletic Festival, July 21, there were close upon 350 entries, whilst the value of the prizes offered amounted to £250. The chief event was the Northern Counties A.A. One Mile Championship, but it proved a great disappointment, as only two entered, L. J. Pounds, Bradford Trinity Harriers, proving victorious. However, considerable interest was taken in some of the other events. T. H. Dobson, the Bradford F.C. three-quarter back, was a popular winner in the 120 Yards Handicap, and also in the 220 Yards Race; whilst F. W. Cooper, the ex-Newport football player, with 6½ yards start, proved successful in the 220 Yards Open Handicap.

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On July 21, at the conclusion of the programme of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows A.C., at Herne Hill, W. J. Jones and J. E. Ridout, of the Polytechnic C.C., attempted to break the ten miles tandem safety record held by G. E. Osmond and T. W. Stocks, which stood at 22min 42 1-5sec. They broke the records from two miles up to ten, covering the entire distance in 22min 10 1-5sec. They were accompanied by Wilhelm Henie, of the Christiana V.C., who was endeavouring to beat A. J. Watson's ten mile safety record of 23min 4 2-5sec. Henie hung on to the tandem all through, and covered the distance in just 1sec less, and therefore beat Watson's record by nearly a minute.

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In the Kingstown Regatta, July 20, the *Britannia* and *Vigilant* sailed a 50-mile race. The *Britannia* got away some lengths ahead of the American yacht, and increased this distance to several lengths in the run towards the Nose of Howth. At the end of the first round she led by 15sec. The round occupied 2h 44min. The wind, which was light throughout the morning, almost died away as the second round was commenced. The *Britannia* continued to increase her lead, which amounted to about 2min, when rounding the Rosebog Buoy. This lead she still continued to increase while making for the Kish Lightship. The second round resulted as follows: *Britannia*, 3h. 33min; *Vigilant*, 3h 37min 36sec. The English yacht, maintaining her advantage, won by 1min 57sec, the times being: *Britannia*, 5h 7min 40sec; *Vigilant*, 5h 9min 37sec.

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The start of the second race between the *Britannia* and *Vigilant* in Dublin Bay, on July 21, was witnessed by larger crowds than were assembled the day previous. The *Britannia* got away slightly ahead of the American yacht, but the latter took the weather berth from the *Britannia*, and kept it to the Kish Lightship, round which the Vigilant led by about a minute. This lead was increased on the run to the Mugglins off Dalkey Island, and the first round was finished by the *Vigilant* at a quarter past one, five minutes ahead of the *Britannia*. The American craft held her own to the finish, and beat the Prince of Wales's boat by 3min 43sec, the times at the winning flag being marked—*Vigilant*, 6hrs 18min 33sec; *Britannia*, 6hrs 22min 16sec.

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The Clapton Park Club held an athletic meeting at the Hare and Hounds grounds, Lea Bridge, July 21, when a large crowd attended. The results were:

120 Yards Final Heat: 1st, A. Beard. Time, 13 1-5sec.

200 Yards Boys' Handicap: 1st, W. Purkiss. Time, 6 5-7sec.

One Mile Walking Handicap: 1st, Spencer. Time, 8min 20 4-5sec.

440 Yards Handicap: 1st, H. Shuter. Time, 64sec.

120 Yards Veterans' Handicap: 1st, T. Weaver. Time, 14 2-5sec.

440 Yards Handicap Final Heat: 1st, Macefield. Time, 53 2-5sec.

880 Yards Open Handicap (Final): 1st, J. T. Guest. Time, 2min 5 2-5sec.

The arrangements were well conducted under the management of Mr. Geo. Hall, the Secretary.

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Jake Gaudaur won the three miles sculling race in the Boston Fourth of July Regatta over the Charles River course in 21min. Considering the course, which is probably the worst in America for a good performance, the time was indeed fast. James Stansbury offers to go from Australia to the States and take on Gaudaur for a three or five mile race, providing the American concedes expenses and makes the stakes not less than £500 a-side, or he will row Gaudaur on the Nepean River or Paramatta Championship Course for £500 or £1,000 a-side and the Championship of the World, and allow reasonable expenses. Gaudaur is a remarkably fast sculler, and in a race against time, or against men whom he knows he can defeat, he is capable of rowing down to record time. When against a really good man he lacks the stamina requisite to pull through a hard slugging race.

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At the Gun Club's enclosure at Wormwood Scrubbs the initial event was the competition for the £100 challenge cup, added to a £5 sweepstake, 9 birds each at 30 yards rise, in which five shooters took part. The pool of £25 and the holdership of the cup were won by Mr. Calder, who brought down 10 rocks out of 13. Captain Money was second with 9 kills out of a like number. The chief attraction was, however, the Liverpool £3 handicap sweepstakes, with £20 added. Nineteen entries were received, but the birds did not leave the traps with their usual rapidity, and big sequences of kills were registered. At the end of the nineteenth round Mr. Edwardes (28½) was returned the winner of the first prize of £60, whilst the second of £11 was awarded to Mr. Orchardson (27½), who grassed 18 birds before being beaten. Mr. H. Barker was third with 16 kills and a miss.

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Some sensational performances were accomplished in the North Road Cycling Club's fifty miles handicap on July 21. The race was won by Gordon Minns, with 12min start, in the net time of 2h 28min 14sec; G. King, junior, 10min start, being second in net time of 2h 26min 15sec; and R. J. Ilsley, scratch, whose actual time was 2h 16min 15sec, was third. The last-named performance was a long way faster than the previous "world's" best record, standing to the credit of A. A. Chase. The latter, although not entered for the handicap, was allowed to compete for a standard time medal, and did a faster performance still, his time being 2h 16min 13sec, or nearly 3min in front of his own previous best on record. The old record was made on a straightaway course before the wind, whereas Chase's fresh record on Saturday was "out and home." An out-and-home tricycle record was also established by W. W. Robertson, whose time was 2h 30min 44sec, and for which he received the president's prize for first tricyclist.

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At Croix-Catalan, in the Bois du Boulogne, Paris, July 22, an International Amateur Championship Pedestrian Meeting was held. The result was a great success for the British competitors, who carried off three first and two second prizes. The 100 metres hurdle race was won in brilliant style by J. A. Waylen, of the London Athletic Club, in 18 4-5 sec., while the 400 metres flat race fell an easy victory to E. C. Bredin, of the same club, his time being 53sec. A Belgian competitor carried off the 100 metres flat race, but the second place was taken by L. A. Bulger, of Dublin University, while Waylen was fourth. A magnificent race was witnessed in the 800 metres event, for which no fewer than seventeen competitors started, some with an allowance of 110 metres. Bredin, who was scratch, was in splendid form, and running strongly from start to finish came in an easy winner. His time, 1min 56-4-5 sec., broke the French record for 800 metres, which stood at 2min 5sec. The winner was loudly cheered by the crowd.

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Lew Bennett "Deerfoot," the Seneca Indian, has not been heard of for several years now, but at latest accounts he was living near Buffalo, New York State. In 1884, he tried his luck in a long distance running race at Buffalo, but he was unable to display any of his old time form, and after running a few miles he quit the track. He returned to his home, and at last reports he was still among the living. It was he who ran the late Teddy Mills a series of races in 1864. Deerfoot won the ten mile race, Mills the six miles, and in the eight mile event they finished up a dead heat.

A curious incident was that Jemmy Howes trained Teddy Mills for all his big races. When the latter became prosperous in business he never forgot his old mentor and gave him a weekly allowance for old times' sake. Both men were taken ill about the same time and with pretty much the same ailment, and curious to say Mills and Howes both breathed their last within a few hours of each other on the same day.

Mills was not the man to forget old friends, and his prosperity commenced at about the same time as did that of another, who, however, ignored Howes, and that caused Mills to stick all the closer to his old mentor. Now the three have gone to the place from whence no wanderer returns, and the absence of Mills and Howes will, indeed, be regretted by all English sportsmen.

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At the Kildare Athletic Club sports held at Stamford Bridge, G. Crossland and E. C. Bredin accomplished very good performances in the three miles and 440yds races respectively. The results were as follows:—

Three-Mile Handicap (Open).—G. Crossland (two miles N.C. champion and cross-country champion), Salford H., scratch, 1; E. G. Parker, St. Peter's Institute H., 250yds stars, 2; H. A. Munro, Guy's and O.U.A.C., 60, 3; Sid Thomas (10 mile champion), Ranelagh and L.A.C., 25, 0; H. Watkins (S.C.C. champion), Walthamstow H., 25, 0; W. Baker, Brighton A.C., 120, 0; F. J. Strange, Finchley H., 120, 0; H. R. Tracey, Ranelagh and L.A.C., 170, 0; T. W. Meredith, Essex Beagles, 180, 0; C. T. Carter, Ranelagh and L.A.C., 180, 0; J. Lamb, unattached, 200, 0; G. Poole, Epsom H., 210, 0; L. Pravey, unattached, 220, 0; W. G. Burrows, Thames Valley H., 220, 0; R Boyd, Guildhall, A.C., 250, 0; W. Saward, Essex Beagles, 250, 0. Parker ran splendidly for over two miles, when he was caught and passed by Crossland. Crossland tried hard for record, but, having no one to extend him in the last three-quarters of a mile, was unsuccessful in his object. He won all out by 120yds, 60yds between second and third. Time, 14min 30 2-5 sec.

440 Yards Scratch Flat Race for the Kildare Challenge Cup.—E. C. Bredin (holder) (quarter and half-mile champion, L.A.C.), 1; A. J. Larkman, L.A.C., 2; G. W. Turk (quarter-mile champion of Essex), Walthamstow H., 3; A. Ovenden, L.A.C., 0; F. Warner, unattached, 0. Bredin ran second for 200 yards, when he went to the front, and, striding out in his own superlative style, won by eight yards; four divided second and third. Time, 49 1-5sec.

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Private M. S. Rennie, of the 3rd Lanark, won the Queen's Prize at Bisley, July 21. Having gained that much coveted distinction, he is now champion volunteer marksman of the year. The gold medal, the gold badge, and £250 went last year for the first time to Wales, Sergeant Davies then winning with a grand aggregate of 274. Rennie's total in the three stages was 265. It is a curious coincidence that both medallists — Davies in 1893 and Rennie in 1894—occupied the position of second man at the end of the second stage of the competition. Private Rennie is a timber merchant at Glasgow and Alloa. He lives in the Glasgow suburb of Maryhill, and is a slim, youthful-looking volunteer. When immediately after his victory he was asked his age, he replied; "'Deed, I could na tell you." His comrade, of the 3rd Lanark, however, say that he is 28 years old, and that he received his training as a marksman in the county of Dumbarton, having first joined the Dumbarton volunteers about ten years ago. From the time when he first began to handle the rifle he has invariably given a good account of himself. He had not been long in the Dumbartonshire Volunteers before he won the County Bronze Medal. He made his first appearance at the Darnley meeting some eight years ago, and has carried off the grand aggregate there as well as the bronze medal. He has been on several previous occasions in the Scottish Twenty for the International match, and this year he shot with the Mother Country team for the Colapore Cup. On one occasion at Darnley he made 99 out of a possible highest 105. Twice before—viz., in 1890 and 1891—he has been in the final stage, for the Queen's Prize. This year he just missed the Scottish Championship by two points. Hitherto he has been exceedingly unfortunate in missing first prizes. He is even at this meeting believed to be second for the grand aggregate. It may be interesting to state, with regard to Private Rennie's personal habits, that he is not a teetotaler and that he smokes.

KENT CRICKETER'S DIVORCE.

The case of Wright *v.* Wright, Frost, and Connelly came before Lord Justice Lopes in the Divorce Court on July 20, on the petition of the husband, Walter Wright, a well-known professional cricketer, for a dissolution of his marriage with the respondent, on the ground of her alleged misconduct with the co-respondents. The respondent filed no answer, but the co-respondents denied the charge of adultery, and appeared in person.

Mr. Priestly, in opening, said that the parties were married on September 21, 1881, at St. Michael's Church, Maidstone. There were no children living of the marriage Soon after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wright went to live at Nottingham, when Mrs. Wright gave way to habits of intemperence. In 1886 the petitioner and his wife returned to Maidstone, and from that time he (petitioner) had practically left her. In 1890 there was a treat given to the police of Maidstone at Headcorn, and amongst the party were Mrs. Wright and the co-respondent Frost. On the afternoon of that day, which was July 22, a sergeant of the police called Randall would give evidence that he saw Frost and Mrs. Wright in the act of adultery in the churchyard, and that would be corroborated by three other persons. The petitioner heard of this incident and taxed his wife with it, but she denied it. He then dropped the matter and took her home; they lived together until 1891, and when on a visit to Brighton he found two letters in her pocket written by the co-respondent Connelly to her. Petitioner then charged her with misconduct with Connelly, which she at first denied, but afterwards said that she had been to London with Connelly several times, and he turned her away.

The petitioner having given evidence bearing out the statements of counsel, Sergeant George Randall said that he remembered on July 23 he saw the respondent lying in the churchyard with Frost at her feet. When Frost saw him he came towards him and asked him to help him with Mrs. Wright, who was in a fit. He asked her what was the matter. She made no answer, but he had his suspicions.

The jury found that both co-respondents had committed adultery with the respondent, and the judge granted a decree nisi, with costs against Connelly, but not against Frost, as his adultery had been condoned by the petitioner.

PHUNNYGRAPHS.

(Elderly maid and her best young man *tête-à-tête*; enter little brother.)

Miss Sears: "Well, Bobby, what do you want?"

Bobby: "Crack this nut for me; I'll do as much for you when I have false teeth."

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"What's the matter that there is no dinner ready?" asked the labour leader.

"The cook quit," replied his wife, leaning back in her chair and fanning gently.

"Why didn't you get it ready yourself? You know how well enough."

"Me? I'm out on a sympathetic strike with the cook."

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"Afraid to go to church because your clothes ain't good enough? Don't be so foolish, the Lord won't look at your clothes."

"I don't mind the Lord looking at them, but I do dread the criticism of the congregation."

GAVE HIS PAL A SEND OFF.

A Man about Town Grinds an Organ over the Grave of a Departed Companion.

SHOCKED AT THE POSTERS.

A Community that Didn't Take to Gaudy Posters.

PROFFERED HER FALSE TEETH.

A Lad Amuses the Schoolboys by Publicly Giving the Teacher a Set of Grinders.

COULDN'T SEE THE JOKE.

The Widow of a Publican Faints on Seeing the Manner in which her Husband's Grave is Decorated.

CHASTISED FOR INFIDELITY.

A Performer Who Found a Master in His Wife.

HE WORE CORSETS.

A Youth with Feminine Ways is Roughly Handled by Five Sirens.

HONEST SPORTS.

American Collegians Defeated.

The Athletic contests between teams representing Oxford and Yale colleges proved to be quite a gift for Oxford. The games occurred at Queen's Club Grounds, West Kensington, July 14, and notwithstanding the rainstorm a large crowd was in attendance. Amongst those present were Sir Richard Webster, Mr. Bayard (the American Ambassador), Lord Londesborough, Sir John Astley, the Siamese Prince, Mr. Smalley, Dr. Wharton Hood, Mr. W. H. Grenfell, Earl Darnley, Mr. W. E. Davidson, Q.C., the commander of the American warship *Chicago*, the Hon. T. W. Legh, M.P., Col. H. Eaton, Lord Wolverton, Lord Curzon, Lord and Lady Brassey, the Hon. Algernon Grosvenor, Mr. A. G. Mills (ex-President of the New York Athletic Club), Mr. R. H. Davis, and Mr. J. M. Heathcote.

Mr. C. B. Fry

captained the Oxford team, and also secured honours in the one hundred yards' dash. The transatlantic team were captained by

Mr. W. O. Hickock,

who secured first in throwing the hammer and putting the weight. A summary of the events follows:

100 Yards: C. B. Fry, Oxford, 1; G. Jordan, Oxford, 2; G. Sanford, Yale, 3; A. Pond, Yale, 4. After three false starts Fry led, followed by Jordan, and won by a foot; half a yard divided second and third. Time, 10 2-5sec.

Throwing the Hammer: W. O. Hickock, Yale, 110ft 5in, 1; A. J. Brown, Yale, 104ft, 2; G. Robertson, Oxford, 101ft 10in, 3;

120 Yards Hurdle Race: Oakley, Oxford, 1; Hatch, Yale, 2; Scott, Oxford, 3; Cady, Yale, fell. Time, 16 3-5sec.

Mile Race: Greenhow, Oxford, 1; Morgan, Yale, 2. Time, 4min 24 2-5sec.

Long Jump: L. P. Sheldon, Rutland, Vermont, 22ft 11in, 1; W. J. Oakley, Christ Church, Oxford, 22ft 1½in, 2; C. B. Fry, Wadham College, Oxford, 22ft 0¾in, 3; D. B. Hatch, Cincinatti, Ohio, 0.

Quarter-mile Race: G. Jordan, University College, Oxford, 1; G. F. Sanford, Woodmont, Conn., 2; A. Pond, Detroit, Michigan, 3; H. R. Sykes, Christ Church, Oxford, 4.

Putting the Weight (16lb): W. O. Hickok, Harrisburg, Penn., 41ft 7½in, 1; A. Brown, Philadelphia, Penn., 40ft 2in, 2; A. F. Maling, Exeter Coll., Oxford, 35ft 3¾in, 3; D. H. Meggy, Christ Church, Oxford, 30ft 7½in, 4.

High Jump: E. D. Swanwick, University College, Oxford, 5ft 8¾in, and L. P. Sheldon, Rutland, Vermont, 5ft 8¾in, 1 (equal); E. A. Cady, Hartford, Connecticut, 5ft 7¾in, 3; G. A. Gardiner, New College, Oxford, 5ft 6¾in, 4.

Half-mile Race: W. H. Greenhow, Exeter College, Oxford, 1; F. W. Rathbone, New College, Oxford, 2; W. S. Woodhull, Orange, New Jersey, 3; J. E. Morgan, Essex, Connecticut, 0.

Mr. J. Pim, Champion.

There was a notably large gathering of followers of lawn tennis at the Wimbledon courts July 17, when the final matches for the Gentlemen's Singles Championship and Ladies' Singles Championship were decided. In addition to these important events a tie in the Gentlemen's Doubles and a semi-final game was played, making a very interesting programme for the spectators. The weather was enjoyably fine and bright, the only disturbing element being a strong breeze. In all the matches the play was very close, and the Doubles was very protracted. The Ladies' Singles was first contested, Miss Dod, the holder, retiring. This was fought out between Mrs. Hildyard, who has twice previously won, and Miss Austin. The latter was nervous, and suffered defeat by two sets to love, Mrs. Hildyard taking the first four games by 4—1, 4—1, 4—1, and 4—2. Miss Austin won the next by 4—1, and Mrs. Hildyard the next two by 4—2 and 4—0. The next set fell to Mrs. Hildyard with 4—1, 4—0, 5—3, and 4—1, and after Miss Austin had won the next by 5—3 Mrs. Hildyard was successful in the last two by 4 to 1 and 4 to 2, winning the cup and first prize. The Gentlemen's Singles Championship was contested between the holder (Mr. J. Pim) and Mr. W. Baddeley. After a close struggle, Mr. Pim, who displayed the better judgment, won by three sets to love (10—8, 6—2, and 8—6), Mr. Pim, who won for the first time last season, again carrying off the championship cup and first prize, value 30 gs.

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Lord Hawke has nearly completed the team of cricketers he has arranged to take to America at the close of the present season. It will consist exclusively of amateurs, and, as will be seen, he has got together an exceedingly powerful combination, that should worthily uphold the honour of English cricket. The names of those selected are—Lord Hawke (capt.), C. W. Wright, J. S. Robinson, L. C. V. Bathurst, G. J. Mordaunt, G. W. Hillyard, C. E. de Trafford, A. J. L. Hill, G. R. Bardswell, J. H. J. Hornsby, and K. M'Alpine. Another man has, of course, yet to be chosen. The team will sail on September 8, and will play two matches in Philadelphia, and one each in New York, Baltimore, and Boston.

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Some extraordinary cricket was witnessed at Huddersfield, when Somersetshire were decisively defeated by Yorkshire. The match was begun and concluded in one day, this being the fifteenth occasion in the annals of first-class cricket on which such a feat has been accomplished, and the second last week. Somersetshire experienced the same fate at the hands of Lancashire, at Manchester, on July 17. This double overthrow of the Western county constitutes a record of disaster. The Old Trafford Ground was the scene of a similar catastrophe to them in 1892, when, however, the hour for drawing stumps was extended in order to conclude the game. In 1888 this same enclosure saw the home team beaten in one day by Surrey.

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Teddy Mills,

known in the halcyon days of pedestrianism as Young England, died at his private residence, 41, Gloucester Road, Regent's Park, July 14, aged fifty-three years. The present generation of sportsmen knew the subject of these remarks as a prosperous licensed victualler and a member of the Victoria, Albert, National Sporting, and other clubs. Unlike many men, Mills did not allow prosperity to spoil him, and till the last "Teddy" was genial and warm-hearted. He first came into notice as a pedestrian in the early part of 1860, defeating Teddy Ray in a three miles match for £10, Ray being weak enough to try and concede him half a minute's start. In the following July he gave Britton twenty yards and a beating in a mile match for a small stake, and on November 5 Sam Barker, of Billingsgate, vainly essayed to give him fifty yards in two miles for £50, and Mills wound up the year by winning a three miles handicap at Hackney Wick from the 190 yards. These successes brought him prominently before the public, and he further added to his reputation on January 14 by beating Jem Percy, of Newcastle, in a three miles match, for £40. He now tried his hand at a longer distance, giving W. Jones, of Islington, 2½min in 10 miles for £50, at Hackney Wick, beating him easily in 54min 30sec. On May 11 he defeated Stapleton, of Manchester, at a mile, for £50. His list of wins was now to be broken, as when he ran for the ten miles championship in June he turned his ankle and had to retire, and, strange to relate, a similar accident occurred a couple of months later when he ran Jack Brighton, the famous "Norwich milk-boy," for £50. On Deerfoot's arrival in England he at once challenged him, and on October 6, 1861, the pair met for the six miles champion belt and £50, Mills winning by a dozen yards in 32min 20sec. The pair met again on September 21 in the ten miles championship, when the Indian won, Mills being second. Mills, after vainly endeavouring to give Jones, of Islington, a long start, then met and defeated J. Brighton for the six miles belt and £50. His next race of any importance was his famous dead-heat with Deerfoot at eight miles, for £200, on December 16. From this time up to 1866, when he finally retired from the arena, his matches were numerous, and he scored many victories over Lang, Rowan, and Barker.

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Jimmy Howse, one of the best athletic trainers in the kingdom, died at his residence in Victoria Park, July 14. Howse has brought out many famous runners and walkers, and also trained Jem Smith and other pugilists.

J. C. GARDNER.

Stroke of the Thames Rowing Club's Eight-oared Crew.

(With Portrait.)

We are indebted to Gordon and Co., 34, High Street, Putney, for the portrait of J. C. Gardner, the stroke oar for the Thames Rowing Club's eight-oared crew. He is an excellent oarsman, and ranks among the best amateurs as a single sculler.

RACECOURSE ROUGHS SENTENCED.

At the Teddington Petty Sessions, Charles Moss, of Dagnall Place, Brady Street, Mile End, and Edward Williams, of 325, Castle Street, Chadwell, were charged with being suspected persons at Kempton Park Racecourse on the 7th inst., and with being concerned with others in assaulting Detective Wilson. The officer stated that about half-past two o'clock he was standing on the steps of the grand stand in the half-crown enclosure at Kempton Park on Saturday, the 7th inst., and saw the two prisoners and three other persons acting in a suspicious manner. They were hustling people standing round the bookmakers. After a race was over they went to the top of the stand and then came and stood close to witness. A gentleman wearing a large gold albert was standing near. The five men went over and stood round him. They turned and looked hard at witness, moved some distance away, looked again, and then came and took up a position beside him. One of them, addressing another, said, "You can see well here." Witness looked to the left, and at the same instant one of them spat in his eye. He at once took him into custody, but no sooner had he done so than the other four gathered round him, threw him to the ground, and kicked him several times about the body whilst he lay there. Moss kicked him on the side of the nose, causing a severe wound, which bled a good deal, and his prisoner was rescued. Although much stunned he seized Moss and held him until assistance arrived, afterwards conveying him to the Sunbury Police Station. He went to Shadwell Police Station on the previous Sunday morning, and their identified Williams. When taken to Sunbury he said, "What a mistake! If you hadn't been alone nothing would have happened. I wish you had given us a good hiding and let us go." Both prisoners were well-known professional pickpockets, and were always to be found at race meetings.—Several previous convictions were proved against them, and the magistrates sentenced them to six months' imprisonment with hard labour, the chairman (Mr. W. A. Hutchison) remarking that Detective Wilson's plucky behaviour was worthy of commendation.

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.

— That Peter Maher, the Dublin heavyweight, now in America, would give Corbett quite a hard battle.

— That the royalties received by Henry Pettitt for his plays during the last year of his life amounted to £4,500. "A Life of Pleasure" produced nearly £1,000, and "A Woman's Revenge" £1,200.

— That the late Teddy Mills was a great admirer of boxing.

— That Jemmy Howse was one of the best athletic trainers we ever had.

— That Billy Edwards, the veteran light-weight pugilist, and his son are on a pleasure trip here.

— That Mr. Horace Sedger, who was lessee and manager of the Lyric Theatre, was committed for twelve days, the order to be suspended for a month, by Judge Lumley Smith at the Westminster County Court.

— That Day Dream II., who was sold for 600gs, was foaled in New Zealand, and was brought to this country in June, 1892, and placed under the care of T. Leader at Newmarket. She is by Albany (by Thormanby), her dam siesta, by Traducer out of Hammock, by Orest, and was purchased by her late owner for 1,200gs, for whom she won the Champagne Stakes at Dunedin in New Zealand. Her sire, Albany, who was bred in England, has proved an acquisition in New Zealand, his stock having been very successful.

— That the competition at rapid shaving will shortly occur, and we can then determine who is champion.

— That William Lloyd has quit the field as a rapid shaver, and is now employed in a Bond Street shop.

— That George Corfield is not overanxious to do battle in any town outside of Sheffield.

— That George Dixon should take on Fred Johnson because he didn't whip the East End man by fair fighting.

— That James J. Corbett is glad to get back to the States because of his disastrous tour here.

— That when you read The Mirror of Life you are told the truth in plain English.

— That Jerry Marshall, the black, wants to fight George Dixon.

— That George Johnson is the best fighter in the world at his weight.

— That any man who declines to fight at the National Sporting Club don't mean a fair fight.

That The Mirror of Life has no favourites, and proposes giving the public inside sporting news.

— That Mr. Frank Ashley and H. E. Cleveland promoted the Plimmer testimonial at Birmingham, which was one of the most successful boxing shows ever held there.

That A. A. Zimmerman will be a contestant in the professional bicycle races at Aston Lower Grounds, Birmingham, August 6, 7, and 8.

— That A. Green, of Finsbury, knocked out Bill Telford, of Bloomsbury, in the third round of a six-round contest at the Blue Anchor, Shoreditch.

ACCIDENTS ARE LIABLE TO OCCUR.

The frequency with which unloaded guns and pistols are discharged with fatal results is suggestive of the suspicion that some of the alleged deplorable accidents are the results of deep design.

These peculiar accidents remind one of a conversation that occurred between two negroes.

"What has yer got wropped up in dat paper?"

"Dat's a pistil, one ob dis heah pistils what's easy on de trigger, what cocks hitself and shoots hitself off."

"Whaffor does yer want a pistil? Can't yer 'fend yerself wid a knife?"

The other negro, who was a very hard case, shut one eye, and with a smile that was calculated to produce a shudder, replied:—

"When a pistil goes off and kills a man, yer can make folks believe that it went off by akcerdent, but ef you say a knife killed a man akcerdentally some folks will be shore to hab doubts."

MR. JAMES MERRY.

A Famous Racing Man.

Scotland has turned out some of the best sportsmen in the Kingdom during the present century, and among those who have been most highly respected was Mr. James Merry, who was born in 1805, the son of a Glasgow merchant, and educated at the Glasgow University. Following in the footsteps of his father he soon became a leading iron-master and proprietor of extensive works in Lanarkshire and Ayrshire. He had been early imbued with sporting tastes, but did not commence his racing career until he was 33 years of age, when he made his debut at Stirling, not only as an owner but as a gentleman jockey—riding Patriot for the Hunter's Stakes, for which, along with four others, he was beaten by Mr. Laing on Birthday. It was not, however, until the year 1842 that he really went in for racing in earnest, and he then had several good horses in training at Gullane under old George Dawson, the father of the four brothers Dawson, who all attained high distinction in the same profession, and one of whom was destined to play so conspicuous a part in Mr. Merry's racing career. In the following year Mr. Merry's yellow jacket for the first time made its appearance on an English racecourse at Liverpool, when he ran Cable for the Liverpool Cup, for which his three countrymen—Mr. Meiklam, Mr. Bell, and Lord Eglinton—were first, second, and third, with Aristotle, Eboracum, and Pompey.

In 1847 he acquired Chanticleer, who proved to be a brilliant performer. The following season he won ten of the fourteen races in which he was engaged, among them the Northumberland Plate, the Goodwood Stakes, for which he carried the crushing weight of 9st 2lb, and the Doncaster Cup, in which he won an easy victory over Van Tromp. In Stakes alone Chanticleer won £3,460 for his owner that year, and what amount Mr. Merry netted besides in bets will probably never be known; but when it is borne in mind that the astute Mr. F. Swindells was his commissioner, and that 7 to 1 was betted against the grey for the Northumberland Plate, 6 to 1 for the Goodwood Stakes, and 3 to 1 for the Doncaster Cup, his winnings may be safely put down at £50,000. In the following year, 1849, Chanticleer only won two races out of nine, and in 1850 he was put to the stud, where his success was as brilliant as it had been on the Turf; among his produce being Ellermire, dam of Ellington, winner of the Derby in 1856; the massive Sunbeam, winner of the St. Leger in 1858; Ellen, the dam of the celebrated Formosa, and other winners too numerous to mention.

The year 1857 saw Mr. Merry in a new light—as candidate for the Parliamentary representation of the City of Glasgow. He was, however, unsuccessful, and at the general election which followed later in the same year he was scarcely more fortunate, for although returned for the Falkirk Burghs, he was in the following July unseated on petition by his opponent, Mr. George Baird. Mr. Merry, however, was compensated for his political reverses by the brilliant success which attended him on the turf. He had in the year 1852 begun to turn his attention to the great two and three-year-old races, and in that year he purchased from Lord John Scott the famous Hobbie Noble, for whom he gave the then unprecedented sum of 6,500 guineas after the horse had won the New Stakes at Ascot and the July at Newmarket in a canter. Many offers had before been made to Lord John for his colt, but he had refused them all. Hearing, however, that Mr. Merry was very anxious for him, and had a great stake on for Epsom, Lord John waived his objection, but on terms which made the purchase anything but a desirable one. Hobbie was trained by Saunders, at Hednesford, and was for a long while first favourite for the Derby of 1852, but within a few days of the race had to play second fiddle to Little Harry. The Derby day of that year was perhaps the wettest and the most sensational on record, for the course was fetlock deep, and the issue was consequently left in the utmost uncertainty. Daniel O'Rourke, who perfectly revelled in the mud, under the able pilotage of Frank Butler snatched the race from Hobbie when it really appeared to be at his mercy, and in the final rush for places, Barbarian and the Chief Baron Nicholson also got before him. In 1855 Mr. Merry achieved his first success in the great classic three-year-old races, winning the Two Thousand with Lord of the Isles, who though he failed to win the Derby was very lucky at the stud, for having been mated with Marmalade, in the very first year he got the flying Dundee. On removing his horses from Gullane in 1852, Mr. Merry had entrusted the training of them to William Day at Woodyeates, but having come to the conclusion that it would be better to have his horses privately trained, he took Russley on lease, and installed John Prince as his major-domo. Prince continued in sole charge there till Mr. Merry, by the advice of Matthew Dawson, purchased Lord John Scott's stud of six horses in 1857, for which he gave 6,000 guineas. Matthew Dawson was then associated with Prince in the management of the Russley stables, and their combined talent rendered the yellow jacket the most popular, as well as the most formidable, on the Turf. The alliance was severed in 1859, when Prince resigned his situation. Thenceforward till 1870, when he became a public trainer and settled at Newmarket, Mat Dawson reigned alone at Russley. Thormanby secured for Mr. Merry his first Derby, and that horse will for ever be remembered by Turf patrons. Strange to say, it was by a mere accident that Mr. Merry secured him, for he had been hawked about as a yearling during the Doncaster week without getting a bidder, when Mr. Plummer, his breeder, in despair sent for Mat Dawson to come and look at him. The moment Mat saw him he was smitten with him, and "Put him down to Mr. Merry" was the only reply he made to to Mr. Plummer, when the latter somewhat diffidently named 350 guineas as his figure. Thormanby, who was a son of Windhound out of Alice Hawthorne, and perhaps the gamest and stoutest horse ever foaled, then entered on a career which for its laboriousness has had few parallels in modern times, for he ran in fourteen races as a two-year-old, and won no fewer than nine. In his third year, by the advice of Mat Dawson, he was reserved for the great contest at Epsom. And when brought out for the Derby, the fruits of Mat's temporary seclusion from the world were visible, for never was a horse stripped in finer condition than Thormanby.

The victory in the Derby was a popular one, and Mr. Merry netted £40,000 in bets besides the stakes, which amounted to £6,200. Custance rode the winner, and received £1,000 for the able manner in which he steered Thormanby through a field of thirty to the goal. Thormanby's triumph was celebrated with becoming rejoicings at Russley, the poor of the parish being regaled with a dinner, and amused with rustic games; whilst every labouring man in the three adjoining villages had half-a-crown given him to drink the health of the horse and owner. In 1861 Mr. Merry was within an ace of winning the Blue Riband for the second time with Dundee, an even better horse than Thormanby; but the gallant son of Lord of the Isles went wrong in his forelegs a week before the race, and though by careful management he was brought to the post, he broke down in the last few strides, and on two legs struggled in second, a short head behind Kettledrum, the winner of the fastest Derby then recorded. Another grand horse of Mr. Merry's was Buckstone, who, though he could only get third in the Derby to Caractacus, and third in the St. Leger to The Marquis, was a finer horse than either of his conquerors, as he proved indeed in the following year in his dead-heat with Tim Whiffler for the Ascot Cup, and in his sensational match against Lord Glasgow's Knowsley for 500 guineas a-side, the winning of which was but an exercise canter to him. In 1864 Scottish Chief, who could only secure the barren honours of a place in the Derby, was backed for money enough to sink a ship, for indeed by that time the yellow jacket had become so popular with the public that whenever Mr. Merry had a fairly good horse in any of the weight-for-age races, they piled their money on him with almost insane infatuation, and the animal was sure to be made so hot a favourite, and backed so heavily, that it used to be said Mr. Merry's victory would break the ring; and there is no doubt that more than once his horses did carry so much money that a financial catastrophe would have followed their winning, whilst it is almost equally certain that on these occasions, in spite of all the vigilance of owner and trainer, the favourites were "got at" in some manner, notably in the case of Macgregor and Sunshine. The former, who had won the Two Thousand in 1870 in the hollowest manner ever seen, was made a tremendously hot favourite for the Derby—the hottest on record probably. All the world piled their money on him. The colt went on faultlessly, and at starting 9 to 4 was laid on him, but to the intense surprise of owner, trainer, and jockey, he could not move, and the marvellous galloper finished fourth behind the three worst horses, probably, that ever monopolized the Derby "situations." It was a 1,000 to 1 he was poisoned for the day, and the bookmakers must have won hundreds of thousands by Kingcraft's victory. Fortunately the scoundrels were satisfied to disable and not kill the horse, for the name of Macgregor became famous as a sire, and there are not wanting those who swear by him as a second Stockwell. Sunshine, in the same year, was reckoned as great a certainty for the Oaks as Macgregor for the Derby, but she, it was believed, was also tampered with, and could only get second. Mr. Merry's fortunes on the turf culminated in 1873, when he won the Derby with Doncaster, and the Oaks and St. Leger with Marie Stuart. Satisfied with thus crowning the long list of his triumphs with three such glorious victories, and finding his health failing, Mr. Merry determined to retire from the turf, and at the close of 1875 his stud was brought to the hammer. His horses in training realised 7,360 guineas at Tattersall's, but the two "cracks," Doncaster and Marie Stuart, were sold privately, the former to Robert Peck (who had three years previously been installed as trainer at Russley), for 10,000 guineas, and the latter to Mr. W. Stirling Crawford for 3,500 guineas. A fortnight later Doncaster was sold to the Duke of Westminster for 14,000 guineas. Four years later, on February 3, 1877, Mr. Merry died at his town house in Eaton Square, in the seventy-second year of his age. In 1859 he had been returned without a contest as member for the Falkirk Burghs, and in spite of all efforts to oust him, kept his seat till he retired, a few months only before his death. Mr. Merry seldom addressed the House, in which he held an independent course, giving his support to any measure which he thought beneficial, irrespective of party. With his constituents, however, he was exceedingly popular, and had such a felicitous manner of addressing them that he was always well received.

GAVE HIS PAL A SEND OFF.

A Man about Town Grinds an Organ over the Grave of a Departed Companion.

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HE WORE CORSETS.

A Youth with Feminine Ways is Roughly Handled by Five Sirens.

(Subject of Illustration.)

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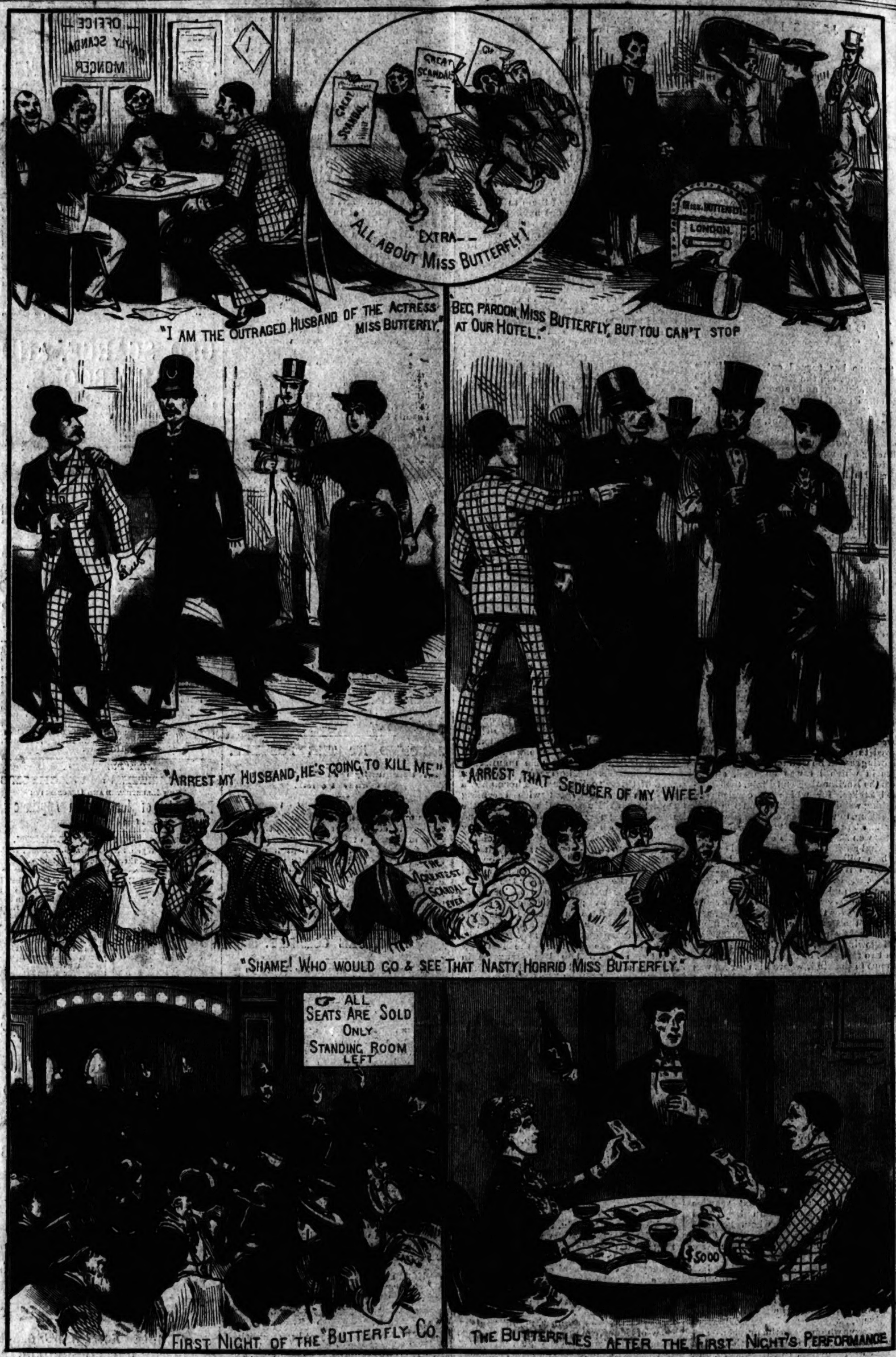
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